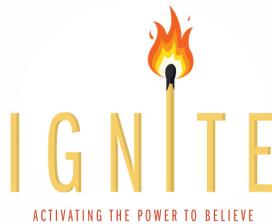


Today's Message



"Faithful"

Part one of the series: "Ignite: Activating the Power to Believe"

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"When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶'Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.' ⁷And he said to him, 'I will come and heal him.' ⁸But the centurion replied, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it.' ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, 'Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.' And the servant was healed at that very moment." (Matthew 8:5-13 ESV)

We often come to God and find faith in the face of crisis.

"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly'...only say the word, and my servant will be healed." (Matthew 8:6,8 ESV)

The embrace of grace unlocks the face of faith.

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The exercise of faith captures God's attention and favor.

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"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

(Hebrews 11:6 ESV)

When we truly choose to believe, God truly chooses to move.

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