

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

September 15, 2024

Luke 7:1-11

IS JESUS MY GREATEST _____?

I. Recognize the _____ of my authority. – v. 1-3

The elders and the centurion had very different approaches to Jesus. Describe the two approaches and give examples of how you see each one in the culture or church today? How does the wrong approach challenge the authority of Jesus? When have you found yourself approaching Jesus in each of these ways?

Jesus marveled at and commended the centurion’s faith as greater than anyone else he had encountered. What made his faith different from the other people who were following Jesus? Does your faith more often resemble the faith of the crowd or the centurion, and why do you think that? What in your life have you lost or lack faith that Jesus can do by the power of His authority? Pray in faith about it again.

I am not my _____ authority, Jesus is.

II. Respond in _____ to Jesus’s authority. – v. 4-7

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

In Matthew’s version of this story Jesus comments on how gentiles will enter the kingdom of God even though the Jews had written them off spiritually. Is there anyone in your life you have written off spiritually? Pray God’s power would reach them.



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

I am not _____, Jesus is.

III. Rely on the _____ of Jesus's authority. – v. 7-11

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 7:1-11. Jesus's interaction with the centurion is unexpected to say the least. What most stands out to you about their interaction? How does the centurion view the intersection of authority and faith? How does this relate to your own experience of faith?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Despite all the political, financial, relational and spiritual authority between the centurion and the elders, they still could not get the servant healed. Coming face to face with our own limitations and powerlessness can be hard. When have you experienced this and how did you respond? Why is losing the illusion of control necessary for faith and following Jesus? In what ways or areas do you still battle Jesus for control and authority of your life?

I am not the _____, Jesus is.

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Last Week: \$9,375
 This Month: \$18,129
 Last Month: \$47,420
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