

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

Amazing Faith

Matt:8:10 *When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

Do you Expect a miracle? Or do you wish for one? There is a big difference between expecting and wishing for those of us in the Kingdom of God. In this text Jesus is approached by a Centurion Soldier in Capernaum. Even though the soldier was not Jewish, his servant was and therefore entitled to be healed. Jesus quickly agreed to come to his house and heal his servant. It is at this point where we see Amazing Faith in action. Although the Centurion acknowledged that he was not worthy of having Jesus come under his roof, he knew with certainty that if Jesus would only speak the word, his servant **WOULD** be healed. He then gave Jesus an illustration of how Authority operates, thereby showing a great understanding of spiritual matters. Jesus marveled at the words of the soldier. As we analyze the text further, we find that the word marveled derives from the Greek word Thaumazo. It means to wonder at and to admire. The English word amazing comes from this same word. In essence Jesus admired this Roman Soldier's Faith. The word Great is the Greek word Tosontos. It means for so long and having so much. The Centurion Soldier had so much faith, for such a long time, that when he got to Jesus, he **EXPECTED** a Miracle. There was absolutely no doubt in his mind that a miracle was about to happen and his servant was about to be healed. So again, the question remains, do we really **EXPECT** a miracle? Do we really know that God can change our situation, or are we just wishing? I have found that we can become so enamored with the ways of the world, that we begin to accept what reports say or what the expert analysis is, that we forget about the Supernatural power of God. The report of the doctor only tells us what we need to bind or loose. Every believer is capable of having Amazing Faith. When we have amazing faith, the sound is sweet to the ears of God and the benefit to us is great. What Jesus did for this centurion soldier, He is still doing now. Jesus Christ the same Yesterday, Today and Forever. Expect a Miracle. Make it a great Day.

Blessings and Peace

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