

Marvel

The Seven Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

About the Series: Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles to authenticate and validate His message of truth. This series will look at the seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John to give us a unique perspective of God's power and might, because what we believe about God directly affects how we live out the Christian life.

Part 2

Long Distance Faith

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DISCUSS

The choices and decisions we make today reverberate throughout eternity. As followers of Jesus, we need to learn to cultivate and develop a confident faith in the God who is all-powerful and worthy of our trust and faith. Read 4:46-54.

The journey towards confident faith often begins with a desperate crisis (v. 46-47).

- Who was mentioned in these verses that was in a desperate crisis? How did his problem draw him to Jesus?
- When do people usually find themselves desperately asking God for help? Why do people more often than not wait until the situation is desperate before finally turning to the Lord?
- Does God need to put you into an extremely difficult situation to get your attention to trust Him, instead of trusting the world? How would you turn a personal or family crisis into an opportunity to build up your faith?

Confident faith is trusting in the person of God and is not contingent upon seeing His outworking (v. 48-49).

- How did Jesus rebuke the people listening to Him and redirect their faith from one that is based on results or outcomes to faith in the Person?
- How do you know that the nobleman believed that Jesus could save his son, but his faith was contingent not in the Person of Jesus alone?
- How would you assess your faith in Jesus? Is it results-driven or Person-driven? Why is that so?
- How do you react when God doesn't answer your prayers the way you want them to be answered? Do you stay committed to Him through challenges even when it doesn't look like you are getting to where you want to go?

Confident faith is remembering God's power is not limited especially by physical location (v. 50-51).

- How did the nobleman react when Jesus told him that He would not go with him to Capernaum because his son has been healed? How did it show his deepening faith in Jesus?
- Do you think you would do the same thing if you were in his shoes?
- Share an experience when your world was falling apart, but you believed that God was in control and didn't need to worry. How does it encourage you that God's power is not limited in any way, especially physical space?

Confident faith knows that God's word is authoritative, powerful, trustworthy, and instantly applicable (v. 52-54).

- What was the end result of this nobleman's faith journey with Jesus?
- What does it tell you about the word of God?
- What assurance is expressed in 2 Timothy 1:12? Do you have confident faith that it will happen?

REFLECT

This nobleman began with CRISIS faith, but his faith turned into CONFIDENT faith as he heard Jesus' words. His confident faith became CONFIRMED faith when his servants told him about his son being healed. And his confirmed faith turned into CONTAGIOUS faith as his entire household believed upon

Jesus. How is your faith in God deepening? Does confident faith mark your walk with Him?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the reminder that nothing limits Your power. And thank You that I can fully trust Your Words. May You help me that in times of desperate need, I will grow in my faith because You are indeed powerful and Your word is authoritative, powerful, trustworthy, and instantly applicable. May I be like the nobleman whose faith in Jesus became a powerful testimony that led others to Christ. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.