



# Beyond The Waves

## Understanding Biblical Faith

### **Week 3: Faith of the Centurion**

**Text: Matthew 8:5-13**

If we were asked to picture someone with “great faith,” **who would you picture?**

In our series, we have noticed:

- Faith is movement in the direction of God's word
- Last week, we noticed, faith focuses on Jesus
- And today, as we continue, biblical faith trusts who Jesus is

**What does Jesus recognize as genuine faith?**

## Exploring the Context

**Matthew 7:29 (NIV)**

*“because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”*

**Matthew 8:5–13 (NIV)**

*“When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.’ 7 Jesus said to him, ‘Shall I come and heal him?’ 8 The centurion replied, ‘Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.”*

**How do you think of authority?**

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## In The Passage

Faith begins with \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is.

Matthew tells us that when Jesus hears this, He is \_\_\_\_\_.

The centurion’s faith is not rooted in a religious \_\_\_\_\_

but in a correct understanding of who \_\_\_\_\_ is.

Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ trust in Messiah Jesus.

## Crossing the Context

**Has our understanding of authority limited our understanding of Jesus?**

**Has it limited our trust in Him?**

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