



SERMON OUTLINE MAY 29, 2016

Great Faith in a Great God

Luke 7:1-10

INTRODUCTION: *"A parking space and a great faith."*

I. GREAT FAITH:

A MAJOR THEME IN LUKE'S GOSPEL (Luke 1:45; 5:20; 7:9; etc.)

II. GREAT FAITH

ACKNOWLEDGES THAT GOD CAN HELP (Luke 7:3-5)

- A. The Centurion believed Jesus had the power to help
- B. It is not the amount of a faith, but its direction

III. GREAT FAITH

ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE NOT WORTHY OF GOD'S HELP (Luke 7:3-7)

- A. The Centurion saw himself as he really was
- B. But what is our natural inclination? (Romans 3:19 ff.)

IV. GREAT FAITH

TRUSTS THAT WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS IS TRUE (Luke 7:6-8)

- A. The Centurion recognized the authority of Jesus' word
- B. The Centurion teaches us: the "lesser to greater" principle
- C. Trust in God's Word always leads us to Jesus
- D. What is Jesus' response to the Centurion's confident faith? (Luke 7:9-10)
- E. The Centurion teaches us:
we can rest secure in the compassion of a great God

CONCLUSION: *"Playing 'Chopsticks' with Paderewski"*