

THE GREATEST FAITH

- I. Luke 7:1-3
 - A. Concluded Sermon on the Mount.
 - B. Difference in details between Matthew's account in Matthew 8 and Luke's account.
 - 1. Matthew says Centurion came himself. Luke says he sent the elders of the Jews to ask Jesus to come and heal servant.
 - 2. Both accounts are telling of Centurion's request. He was asking personally through the elders.
 - 3. Need to be careful that we do not get off the track by "majoring on minors". II Timothy 2:14.
 - C. One of the elders was Jairus.

- II. Luke 7:4-5
 - A. Centurion had respect for Jewish faith.
 - B. Elders felt he deserved Jesus' help because of his good deeds. Jesus did not respond to their feelings.

- III. Luke 7:6-8
 - A. Matthew 8:7 – "I will come and heal him."
 - B. Centurion understood authority and faith.
 - 1. Recognized Jesus had both and knew how to use them.
 - 2. Saw that Jesus' power was in His words.
 - 3. Felt he was unworthy because he was a Gentile.

C. *Matthew 8:11-12*

D. Luke 7:9-10

A. Greatest faith is faith in the Word of God as final and ultimate authority.