



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 8: 5-11

When Jesus entered Capernaum,
a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying,
"Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully."
He said to him, "I will come and cure him."

The centurion said in reply,
"Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof;
only say the word and my servant will be healed.

For I too am a man subject to authority,
with soldiers subject to me.

And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes;
and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes;
and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him,
"Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.

I say to you, many will come from the east and the west,
and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven."

Our Scripture Reflection

What an amazing act of humility on the part of a man who wielded significant power in Jesus's day. Not only did the centurion, a gentile, acknowledge

Jesus' authority but he also calls Him, "Lord." Jesus is amazed and uses the occasion to announce that the gentiles will now have access to His Kingdom.

Food for your Journey

"Nearly all men can stand adversity," said Abraham Lincoln, "but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Dear Jesus, I pray for the Grace of humility so that like the centurion in the Gospel I may have true faith in You. Amen.