



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

After having preached and healed for some time and still encountering a lack of faith among His own people, we can see why Jesus was amazed at the

faith of a pagan Roman Centurion. The Centurion is a bit taken back initially that Jesus was willing to humble Himself to come to his home in order to care for a servant. After all, the Centurion was a commander, a man used to simply giving orders. He presumed all Jesus had to do was give a distant command. But no, Jesus' authority is revealed through humble service to those who are in need. On that day, Jesus not only healed the servant boy, He also became "Master" of the Centurion's heart!

Food for your Journey

In her classic devotional book *Streams in the Desert*, L.B. Cowman quotes Charles Spurgeon: "Why do you worry? What possible use does your worrying serve? You are aboard such a large ship that you would be unable to steer even if your Captain placed you at the helm. You would not even be able to adjust the sails, yet you worry as if you were the captain or the helmsman of the vessel. Be quiet, dear soul — God is the Master!"

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please come and be Lord and Master of my heart. May all of my thoughts, words and deeds be inspired by my profound love for You. Help me to remove all that distracts me from focusing on You. Amen