



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 8:5-17**

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,  
but the children of the Kingdom  
will be driven out into the outer darkness,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

And Jesus said to the centurion,  
“You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.”

And at that very hour his servant was healed.

Jesus entered the house of Peter,  
and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.

He touched her hand, the fever left her,  
and she rose and waited on him.  
When it was evening, they brought him many  
who were possessed by demons,  
and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick,  
to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet:  
He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

A Roman centurion, the commander of 100 troops and a powerful figure, approaches Jesus and begs Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus is totally amazed with the man. Why?

1. He is a pagan. He trusts Jesus whereas the Jews, Jesus' own people do not.
2. The centurion has so much faith in Jesus' power and authority he doesn't expect Him to come to his home to cure the servant. Just His word will do.

The Roman centurion is a role model for anyone who would claim to be a disciple of Our Lord!

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## **Food for your Journey**

Dictionaries often describe humility as low self-esteem, self-degradation and meekness. In a 2016 College of Charleston survey, 56 percent of 5th and 6th graders said that the humble are embarrassed, sad, lonely or shy. When adults are asked to recount an experience of humility, they often tell a story about a time when they were publicly humiliated.

The most humble rarely describe themselves as humble (that seems arrogant to them), but studies have shown that they aren't embarrassed, humiliated or ashamed. No, they're secure in their identity and higher in well-being. The humble are doing just great, thank you very much.

True humility, scientists have learned, is when [people have] an accurate assessment of both [their] strengths and weaknesses, and [they see] all this in the context of the larger whole.

--Ashley Merryman, "Leaders are more powerful when they're humble, new research shows," The Washington Post, December 8, 2016. [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com). Retrieved May 30, 2017.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Lord Jesus, The Roman centurion was a man of Faith and trust BECAUSE he was humble. He loved his servant and he knew Who could heal him. Lord, make me humble with Your Grace. Help me, like the centurion, to surrender my life to Your care. Amen