

MSG: BUILDING FAITH

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 8:5-13

SZN 3: REVIVAL THROUGH BUILDING

Matthew 8:5-10 ESV

“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”

1. BUILD FAITH BY HIS AUTHORITY

Matthew 8:9 ESV

“For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.

AUTHORITY GRANTS APPROVAL

Matthew 8:5-6 ESV

“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”

AUTHORITY GRANTS ACCESS

Matthew 8:7 ESV

“And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.””

The centurion is Roman/ not Jewish

2. BUILD FAITH BY HIS WORD

Matthew 8:8 ESV

“But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

A WORD IS ALL THAT YOU NEED

THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT LIMITED TO THE RELIGIOUS

3. BUILD FAITH BY HIS ABILITY

Matthew 8:13 ESV

“And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.”

JESUS’ ABILITY IS PUT ON DEMAND BY IRRATIONAL FAITH

JESUS’ ABILITY IS PUT ON DEMAND DURING UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES