

Bible Studies for Life: January 28

Yielded Faith • Luke 7:1-10

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How are you when it comes to yielding to authority? There are not too many axe-handle-toting folks these days, but we as Christians are to daily submit to the power and authority that is the word of God and Jesus. His authority is not based on intimidating others, rather it is displayed by His love and care for each of us. How willing are you to humble yourself at the feet of Christ and trust His power?

In desperate situations, we look to Jesus for help. (1-5)

Recently, my oldest daughter called me in tears and panic. Her vehicle was having mechanical issues, causing her to pull to the side of a busy highway. She did not know what to do and decided to call me. I was almost one hundred miles away and

could not readily be present to help her. After a couple of phone calls, a tow truck and an extra ride came to her rescue. I was grateful for her safety and the fact that she called me in her time of desperation.

The same is true for all of us as God's children. There is nothing wrong with calling on Christ to help us when things are difficult. He takes pleasure in hearing from His children. No matter the situation, He will hear our cries for help. No shame, sin, or scenario should keep us from going to God.

Faith recognizes the authority of Jesus. (6-8)

We go to Jesus because He has the power and ability to meet any need we have. The One that walked on the water, calmed the storm, raised the dead, and died for our sins, will intervene in our lives! Do not ever doubt God even for a minute. The enemy desires for each of us to question the power and authority that Christ has over this world. Our faith in Jesus is simply the conduit in which faith flows. We do not conjure up, nor deserve the provisions of God. All gifts from Him are bathed in His mercy, not our merit.

Jesus is pleased when we express faith in Him. (9-10)

Two major themes of the Scripture are belief and obedience. With these two exercises, God's blessings will flow! The goal of our faith should be to bring pleasure to Jesus. The faith we exhibit is not a tool to flaunt or a selfish claim to make. Faith is the intentional decision and activity to place our lives and everything we hold dear in subjection to His power. The Scripture tells us our reward is great when we seek Him in faith. What area in your life do you need to have more faith in the authority of Jesus? Will you yield to Him and quit trying to fix it by yourself? Acknowledge the great power Jesus has and see what He will do.

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