Luke 7:1-10

Finding what you were not seeking

1 When Jesus had finished saving all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum, 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was ill and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have vou do this. 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.' 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have vou come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go", and he goes; and that one, "Come", and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this", and he does it.'

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Find your enemies and them. 7:1-5
Everyone has a I can endorse. v2
Made in God's
Everyone has a I can help. v4-5
Healthy relationships = Give +
Find your attitude and it. 7:6-8
Remember my v6
Accept Jesus'
Knowledge of Him =
Develop proper
God gives 1 Peter 5:5-6
We have only done our Luke 17:10
Develop proper
Retract my
Find your faith and it. 7:9-10
My faith is small, but
My faith is personal, but not

My prayer priorities, 17 June 2018

This week's song selection

I wan to praise You Lord | Let Your Kingdom come | I walk by faith | Living in the rhythm of grace | I love to tell the story | The power and the glory of Your name | You rescued me | We are His people

For personal reflection, or group study.

- 1. What might it be like to live in a community where this centurion is in charge?
- 2. Read Matthew 5:43-48. Suggest some advantages you gain from putting Jesus' words into practice. Are you the only one who gains?
- 3. The Bible has many 'one another' texts. Can you name some of them? The sermon said a 'give and take' relationship is poor, but a healthy relationship is where both parties generously give. Why is that a better way of relating?
- 4. How can you be humble without being a 'doormat'? How can you have both humility and authority, as the centurion and Jesus had?
- 5. 'I have a mustard seed, and I'm not afraid to use it!' How can I put my faith into practice?
- 6. List some reasons why Jesus wanted the crowd to know about the faith of the centurion.

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