

## Living Lent | Day 23

# *The Faith of A Nobleman*

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*When the two days were over, Jesus went from that place to Galilee (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country). When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival.*

*Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.*

***John 4:43–54 RSV***

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### **Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:**

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. As we look at His ministry in this passage of scripture, we can see an example of how He did this.

Jesus was on His way to Galilee, knowing that he would face opposition to His ministry from the religious leaders. He met a nobleman from Capernaum who had a son that was dying. He had heard of Jesus and His miracles. Whether he was a Jew or Gentile, we don't know.

The nobleman knew that Jesus could heal his son. In the encounter Jesus told the

man to “Go thy way; thy son liveth.” (verse 50). The man believed and started for home. It was a lengthy journey, so the nobleman decided to spend the night and return home the next day. His faith was strong. When the nobleman (Father) and his servants got home his son was completely healed.

**There are several points I want to share with you:**

- This man began with a crisis of faith. No matter what the crisis might be, Jesus never turns us away because He knows the answers to all of our needs.
- The man’s faith was confirmed—Jesus spoke the Word and immediately the boy was healed. We need to trust Jesus in all situations of life.
  
- The man had a contagious faith. He shared this faith with family and friends who knew about Jesus and his son’s healing.
- He had a confident faith. He believed the Word and had peace in his heart. He traveled many miles to find Jesus so his son could be healed.

What can we learn from this? We need to learn that Jesus was the Creator of all of us. Accepting His call and experiencing salvation should help us to know that He will and does sustain us in every experience of life.

Pray and thank Him for the faith He gives us.

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