

*Life Principle Day Nine:
Trusting God means looking
beyond what we can see to what
God sees.*

Today's Reading
Matthew 8:5-13

Your walk today takes you down a path beyond the visible world you can see. It gives you a spiritual vantage point into what is not naturally obvious. Here, we step beyond our understanding of this world and discover God's divine perspective. It is like moving from a path through a valley to a view from a lookout point on a mountaintop. More importantly, God is seated beyond the mountaintops and has a vantage point that you lack...unless you choose to trust. His authority to rule as Creator of the universe allows Him the power to affect anything and everything in our world...even to miraculously defy the very laws of nature He has established. Knowing His authority to rule gives you confidence in your walk with Christ. Today's story of "The Faith of the Centurion" illustrates that well, and it is one of my personal favorite stories that helps me to gain confidence in Christ.

The Centurion was a military man, responsible for 100 soldier's lives. That kind of responsibility warrants authority and confidence. The Centurion was not a disciple. He did not spend every day with Jesus. He probably had limited



exposure to the miracles Christ had done. Yet he understood that Jesus had power and authority to heal people. Jesus was astonished at the Centurion's faith. This military man looked beyond his understanding. As a result, his servant was healed.

This story often makes me wonder about the disciples who followed Jesus day after day. They witnessed Christ as He healed people, calmed storms, and walked on water. It took a military man to show them a kind of faith yet unseen by Jesus in all of Israel. Faith is about trusting God. Paul describes it like this in 2 Corinthians 4:18, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen."

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