

LUKE 7:1-8:3

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick 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 you 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 you 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.

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

¹⁸ John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹ he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

²¹ At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²² So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

...³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

...⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

...⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Her actions reflect her experience of forgiveness by Jesus.

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Faith and Doubt

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THE FAITH OF THE CENTURION

- He understands Jesus' _____.
- The centurion's "amazing" faith is comprised of both his _____ and his _____ of Jesus' power.

THE WIDOW AND HER SON

By his actions, Jesus is _____ their _____ in him.

DOUBTING JOHN

- Even the best and strongest of God's servants need _____ from time to time.
- **Doubt** is a matter of the _____: we cannot understand what God is doing or why He is doing it.
- **Unbelief** is a matter of the _____: we refuse to believe God's word and obey what he tells us to do.
- Jesus calls John to trust him, to have faith, by letting the _____ on the ground, and the _____ of God's word guide him through and beyond what he _____ and _____.

SHE WHO IS FORGIVEN MUCH

- Unlike the Pharisee, who can only dwell on the sinner's past record, Jesus prefers to see the _____ that love and forgiveness possess for changing a person's _____.
- In this woman we see **faith**. Faith that Jesus will _____ her, and faith that he can make her _____.

SONGS

Rejoice

Verse 1

Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Chorus 1

Rejoice
Come and lift your hands and raise
your voice
He is worthy of all praise
Rejoice
Sing the mercies of your king
And with trembling rejoice

Verse 2

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go

Verse 3

All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Chorus 2

Rejoice
When you cry to him he hears your
voice

He will wipe away your tears

Rejoice

In the midst of suffering

He will help you sing

[CCLI Song # 7004663]

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle

Nothing can stand against

The power of our God

[CCLI Song # 7148126]

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is
more
Where grace is found is where You
are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on
You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on
You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

[CCLI Song # 5925687]

PRAYER

Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.
- 5 who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.
- 6 who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.
- 7 who made the great lights—
His love endures forever.
- 8 the sun to govern the day,
His love endures forever.
- 9 the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever...

- 23 He remembered us in our low estate
His love endures forever.
- 24 and freed us from our enemies.
His love endures forever.
- 25 He gives food to every creature.
His love endures forever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.