

Luke 7:1-17

Father's Day!

LW – Luke's recording of the Sermon/Mt. teaching/topics

TW – See Jesus teaching by action

V1-10 Healing of the Centurion's Servant

V1 – Puts his previous teaching in the area of Capernaum – Map

V2 – Centurion – Roman Officer over “100” men

V3 – He “Heard about Jesus” – What did he hear? Who did he hear it from?

- Evidently had heard of his ability to heal!

V4-5 – They said he “was deserving” – For 1) he loves our nation & 2) built us a Synagogue!

- Maybe he was...maybe he did...maybe he did it with the right heart/motive

A - Does that make him more deserving of the Lord's grace & healing? No

Deuteronomy 10:17 ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

James 2:1-4 – If a rich man comes into the sanctuary...

James 2:8-9 ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; ⁹but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

V6 – I am “not worthy” – He didn't feel worthy

A - Does that make him less worthy of the Lord's grace & healing? No!

* God loves us all the same! What we do or don't do; Feel/don't feel doesn't determine!

Romans 8:31-32 ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

V7-8 – Only say the word and my servant will be healed

V9 – Jesus marveled!!! – Usually it is the people marveling at Jesus!

* What did Jesus marvel at???? I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

* What is faith? **Hebrews 11:1-6** Faith is the substance...but without faith it is impossible...

A – Centurion marveled Jesus/pleased God by putting his faith in Jesus/Word; We can too!!!

V10 – Jesus' word accomplished what was requested!

A – There are a lot of problems in the world, but there is one solution for them all – God!

- God's Word can address ever single need, question that we have!

V11-17 Resurrecting Widow of Nain Son

V11 – Day after in Nain – 20+ miles SSW of Capernaum, 6+ miles SSE of Nazareth

- Many disciples went with him

V12-13 – The LORD saw her

1. He is the only one out of the “many disciples” and “large crowd” that SAW her!

2. He focused on her and not the circumstances

3. He had compassion on her... “The Deepest kind of Sympathy a person can feel.” Chuck

A – Jesus sees you – sees your circumstances – And He has Compassion & Cares! Personal!

1 Peter 5:7⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

A – Jesus was discipling/disciples – Did they learn to look and see!

- Crowd here on Sundays, @ work, @ School, @ Golf Course, in the World!

A – My Own Little World Music Video

V14 – Jesus speaks to the young man who was dead! - No problem for Him!

Revelation 1:8⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

- Jesus operates in a different realm of reality than most of us do!

- To us – he was dead – we would be unable to communicate with him

- There is no limitation for God!

A – Difference between Normal Oven and Microwave Oven!

A – We can operate in this realm of reality through prayer and operating in the spirit!

V15 – There is NO situation too hopeless that we are helpless – We have a living God!!!

A - Jesus has the power to resurrect the dead – He has the power to resurrect anything!

V16-17 - Jesus spoke to him/said “I say to you, arise!” He was Emmanuel – God with us!

A – God has always been in the business of coming to us – dwelling with us – redeeming us – our part is to put our faith in Him!

Conclusion

1. Need of physical/emotional/physical healing? Not about feel deserving or undeserving!

* Its about His love for you, and you are worthy in his eyes to receive mercy and grace!

* Its about Our Faith in Him – Even the faith we have comes from Him

2. Have you suffered the loss of a loved one, relationship, just given up on life?

* God see you, cares about you, and wants to take that pain away

* Is there anything in your life that is Bigger than Life, Too Big, Can't Overcome???

3. Lord give us your heart, your eyes and use our hands & feet to see and care for others!