



**Lent. The Power Of the Gospel Week 1: Healing, Faith,
Authority and Obedience.**

Study Guide

Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

By healing the centurion's servant, Jesus establishes his power over the material world, but it's the spiritual reality of faith to which Jesus draws our attention.

We give witness to Jesus's authority in our lives by our obedience to his teachings and our willingness to live in submission to God's Word.

1. Did anything stand out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever witnessed a faith healing? Conversely, have you or someone you know ever gone to a faith healer but failed to experience any change? What are your thoughts on faith healing?
3. In what ways did the Centurian demonstrate his faith in Jesus?
4. Are you a naturally trusting person? Why or why not? What reason(s) do you have to trust in Jesus?
5. There is a multitude of ways that most of us live under authority, from home and family to government and law. What is your experience of being under authority? When do you receive it well? When do you resist it?
6. How easily do you obey the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament? What are some of the ways you find it challenging?
7. The Centurian's outward appearance was determined by his inward qualities of compassion, loving kindness, respect, bravery, obedience and trust. Do you think your outward appearance is reflective of your inner heart and mind or just an image you project?

Whatever we need from God, in this case, HEALING comes by FAITH in Jesus. Understanding and recognising His AUTHORITY, and being OBEDIENT to His instruction is what it takes.

8. How easy is this to do in real life? Is there anything we can do to get better at it?