

THE NOBELMAN'S FAITH

John 4:43-54

After two days Jesus left the people of Samaria and went on to Galilee. The people of Galilee were very excited to have Jesus back in their area. Many of them had been at Jerusalem for the feast, and they had seen the miracles that Jesus had done. They were looking forward to seeing him do more miracles. Jesus traveled to Cana of Galilee where he had turned the water into wine.

Now there was a nobleman who lived in Capernaum, and his son was very sick. When this man heard that Jesus had left Judea and was now in Galilee, he traveled twenty miles to reach the city of Cana and Jesus. Twenty miles doesn't seem very far to us, because we travel by car. But, if you have to walk, twenty miles is a great distance.

The nobleman begged Jesus to come with him, back to Capernaum, to heal his sick son. The nobleman's son was desperately ill and about to die.

Jesus said to the nobleman, "Except you see signs and wonders, ye will not believe in me."

The nobleman did not even respond to what Jesus said, for all he could think of was his dying son. He said, "Sir, come before my son dies."

Jesus answered, "Go back home. Your son will live."

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him. He trusted that Jesus was able to heal, even though he was miles away from the sick child.

As soon as Jesus told the nobleman that his son was well, he left to return to his home. As he was traveling, his servants met him in the way. They told him, "Your son lives."

The man asked his servants at what time the son started to get well.

The servants answered, "Yesterday, at about one o'clock in the afternoon the fever left him."

Then the father knew without any doubt that it was the same hour at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives."

The nobleman and his entire household then believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the second miracle that Jesus did when he had come out of Judea into Galilee.

The nobleman not only believed that Jesus could heal, he also showed that his belief was real by obeying Jesus and returning home. The man demonstrated his faith, not only to Jesus, but to all the world. It isn't enough for us to say that we believe that Jesus can take care of our problems, we need to act on our words and show that we really believe in Jesus.

Three important things to remember about the nobleman and his faith are: First, when the nobleman came to Jesus he believed enough to ask Jesus to help his son. Second, he believed Jesus' word that his son would live, and obeyed the Lord's command. Third, because of this man's example and obedience to the Lord, the whole household was challenged to believe on Jesus.

We never know how our trust in Jesus will affect those who are around us.

PRINCIPLE: True faith in Jesus will be seen by our actions of obedience to him.

LEARN: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

1. Color sick and well boy.
2. Cut sick boy out and paste on scene as indicated.
3. Cut well boy -
do NOT count around bed legs but use black line below bed leg and cut along it.
4. Tape well boy upside down + backwards against sick boy's bed legs -
5. Flip up to tell story.





