

**John 4:43-54 Jesus Heals the Official's Son**

"for we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

**Introduction:**

*Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (John 2:23-25)*

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

"The signs and wonders recorded in Scripture can help confirm our faith, but they are by themselves no sure foundation for faith. We know, in fact, that many people saw Jesus do great signs and yet never believed. Our faith must be grounded in the promises of God. When we are convinced of His trustworthiness, our faith will persevere." (2018, March). Ministry in Galilee. *Table Talk Magazine*, 42 (No 3), p. 49.

What is the foundation of faith when walking by sight alone? What is the foundation of faith when walking by faith?

Recall a time when you had a desperate need. Where, or to whom, did you go for help?

**Bible Study:**

1. The official's motivation for going to Jesus was a practical, earthly need. What is revealed as his greater need?
2. What is the foundation of the official's faith at the beginning of the encounter and at the end? What do you notice about the progression of his faith?
3. What does this encounter reveal to us about the person and work of Jesus? What promises of God made in Psalm 103 (and throughout scripture) do we see fulfilled in Christ?

**Application:**

1. What motivates you to go to Jesus?
2. Have you acknowledged your greater need before Jesus?
3. In what ways do you find yourself walking by sight rather than faith? What promises of God are hard for you to believe?