



# Commendation For Great Faith

**“... verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matthew 17:20).**

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**“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).**

It is obvious from scriptures that a mustard seed sized faith when exercised produces mountain sized miracles; but why settle for little, when there is the potential of growing your faith for greater possibilities.

“And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, **6** And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. **7** And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. **8** The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. **9** For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. **10** When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. **11** And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. **12** But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **13** And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour” (Matthew 8:5-13).

“Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. **2** And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. **3** And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: **5** For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. **6** Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: **7** Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come

unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. **8** For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. **9** When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. **10** And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick” (Luke 7:1-10).

- 1) The centurion sought Jesus' help, through supportive servants. Jesus responded “I will come and heal him”. What a privilege it would have been for Jesus to come into his house. However, we note that great faith sees beyond privileges.
- 2) “Speak the word only”. There is power in spoken words. God created the entire universe by speaking. He creates the fruits of our lips. Hannah got her miracle through the word of Eli. To despise words is to destroy faith and the associated miracles. “Where the word of a king is, there is power...” (Ecclesiastes 8:4).
- 3) “I am a man under authority”. Remaining under authority brings all the benefits of that authority at moments they are needed. It is worth noting that great faith develops while “under authority”!
- 4) Those who revel in rights and privileges to the neglect of faith will lose them.
- 5) “As thou hast believed” His faith became the channel of his miracle. What you believe will either bring your miracle to you, or keep it away from you.