

Jesus, God Who Cares for People: Lesson 4 The Nobleman's Son

Word up: Believe God's Promises

BELIEVE

To fully believe involves our mind, emotions, heart, actions and experience

Be watching and observing

Explore what God has made with your sharp mind.

Look in the Bible. **Listen** to His Words: how He loves you and wants you to be His child.

Investigate the evidence to see if God does what He says.

Examine your heart with God's truth.

Visualize what it means to trust in God 100% for forgiveness and power to do what is right.

Experience completely trusting God by accepting Him as your Savior and doing what He says.

Moving from Convinced to Committed: We learn by observing, exploring and discovering.

Transformation takes place when:

- Our minds are convinced of the truth.
- Our emotions are confident of the truth.
- Our hearts are convicted by the truth.
- Our wholehearted actions are committed to the truth.
- Our experience confirms the truth.

About Faith in the Bible?

Look up the story of the man who asked Jesus to heal his son in John 4:46-54. Fold a piece of paper to make 6 boxes. In each box draw a scene from the story in John 4 as follows.

Place these labels under the storyboard boxes:

A Living Faith

1. Hearing about Jesus, the father is hopeful
2. Convinced in his mind, the father goes to Jesus
3. Confident with his emotions, the father asks Jesus for help
4. Convicted by the truth of Jesus' words, the father listens to Jesus
5. Committed with his actions, the father obeys Jesus
6. Confirmed by the experience of obeying Jesus, the father rejoices with his family

Questions to explore a living faith:

1. When the father heard that Jesus had come into Galilee, how do we know that he was **convinced in his mind** that Jesus could help his son? *(He went to Jesus for help.)*
2. What did the father do that demonstrated his **confidence** in Jesus' authority and ability to help his son? *(He was strongly urging Jesus to come and heal his son who was at the point of death.)*
3. Did the father listen to Jesus' answer? *(Yes)* How do we know his belief in Jesus was a **living faith**? *(He did what Jesus said to do.)*
4. On the way home, when the servants met him with the good news about his son, how do we know that the father was looking for proof that Jesus had healed his son? *(He asked what hour his son began to get better.)*
5. The father's belief in Jesus was **confirmed** through experience. Look up the word, "believed" in the Greek Bible Dictionary. What is the full meaning of this word? *(to exercise faith, fully trusting, place confidence in)*
6. This father's **living faith** affected many other people. Who were they? *(The whole household.)*

Life-work Question: How can a person have living faith? Read Ephesians 2:8-9.

Read John 1:12-13. What about you? What kind of faith do you have?

How can you have a living faith? Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing, by the Word of God. That's why we strongly encourage you to listen to God's words every day. Make it your life-work.

Written prayerfully for God's greater glory in you, Christina Dillane

Additional verses:

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Miracles of Jesus – Signs

The miracles of Jesus are called signs by John in order to emphasize the significance of the miracles rather than the miracles themselves. They revealed various aspects of the person or work of Christ and their purpose was to encourage faith in His followers. (Ryrie Study Bible, pg. 1635)

The author of the Book of John chose seven sign-miracles to reveal the person and mission of Jesus:

1. Turning the water into wine (2:1-11) Creator God (Elohim) showing power over creation, Jehovah Jireh, providing for a need.
2. The cure of the nobleman's son (4:46-54) Jehovah Rapha; believing faith
3. The cure of the paralytic (5:1-18) Jehovah Rapha, The Lord of the Sabbath
4. The feeding of the multitude (6:6-13) Jehovah Jireh, Bread of Life
5. The walking on the water (6:16-31) Creator God with power over creation, El Shaddai, (Almighty God)
6. The giving of sight to the blind (9:1-7) Jehovah Rapha, Light of the World
7. The raising of Lazarus (11:1-45) Yeshuah, ultimate Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life

The "I AM's" of Christ

(6:35) The Bread of Life

(8:12) The Light of the World

(10:7, 9) The Door of the sheep

(10:11, 14) The Good Shepherd

(11:25) The Resurrection and the Life (Do you believe this? Jesus asked.)

(14:6) The Way, the Truth and the Life

(15:1,5) The Vine

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1. Creator God (Elohim) showing power over creation, Jehovah Jireh, providing for a need. Turning the water into wine (2:1-11)
2. Yeshuah, Jesus gives new birth through the Holy Spirit, Nicodemus seeks to know
3. The Lord of the Harvest, gives living water, Elohim, Woman at the Well.
4. Jehovah Rapha, the cure of the nobleman's son (Jn. 4:46-54); believing faith
5. El Roi, the God who sees gives sight to the blind, Bartimaeus.