

# Believe

John 20:30-31 "Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

John 4:46-54 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe." 49 The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off. 51 As he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his son was living. 52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 So the father knew that *it* was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed and his whole household. 54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

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- Three words come to mind that describes us in crisis faith:

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Habakkuk – Habakkuk 1:2 "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and you will not hear?"
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Romans 5:6-8 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
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Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

John 4:49 The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

John 4:48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe."

- **He made two mistakes with his encounter.**

- o He thought Jesus was limited by proximity. He had to come to Capernaum.
- o He thought Jesus was limited by severity. If his son died, it would be too late.

John 4:50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.

- Acts 26:19-20 ...that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.
- True faith is believing in God to such an extent that you place your entire existence into His hands in response to His gracious invitation and offer of mercy.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith**

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