

# MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

## What Amazes Jesus?

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Apparently, we like to be amazed. I draw that conclusion from the myriad of television shows such as, "Amazing Rescues," "Amazing Car Chases," "Amazing Animal Stories," and do you remember from a generation ago, "That's Incredible." But now, have you ever wondered what amazes Jesus? What turns his head? If you haven't, I'll tell you... "When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, 'I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'" (Luke 7:9).

Faith! That's what amazes Jesus. The kind of faith possessed by a Roman soldier. Jesus marveled! He was amazed! He said he had never seen anything like it, not even in Israel, among God's people.

Friends, you may never make it on some "Amazing" television show. In fact, your life may seem quite ordinary to your friends and neighbors, but if you have faith; faith like this Roman soldier, you too will turn the Savior's head, cause Him to marvel at you, and say, "Why, have you ever seen such a thing?"

P.S. - For those who are interested, here's some additional information that helps to explain what was so amazing about this Roman soldier's faith.

- It crossed barriers. He was a Gentile, but he had come to have faith in God.
- It involved him in the work of God. He put his faith in action and built the Jews a synagogue.
- It worked for the good of others. He was concerned about a servant, who under Roman laws was simply viewed as a living tool.
- It was humble. He felt unworthy before Jesus.
- It acknowledged that nothing was too hard for God. He believed Jesus could do what he was unable to do.

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