

# Faith That Still Turns The Savior's Head

(Luke 7:1-9)

- Introduction:
1. What does it take to really amaze you?
  2. I pretty much know what amazes us, but what I would like for you to entertain is the question, "What does it take to amaze Jesus?"

## I. God Values Faith Highly

- A. (Hebrews 11:6).
- B. But in this story everyone had faith.
- C. So what was so special about this man's faith that caused it to stand out above and beyond the faith that other's possessed?

## II. The Qualities Of This Man's Faith

- A. His Faith Crossed Barriers
  1. (Luke 7:2).
  2. He was a Gentile and a Roman.
  3. Can we cross barriers and love those who are different from us?
  4. (James 2:1).
- B. His Faith Involved Him In God's Work
  1. (Luke 7:5).
  2. He was active and wasn't just a bystander.
  3. The good he did, benefitted others.
- C. His Faith Worked For The Good Of Others
  1. (Luke 7:3,7,8) His servant.
  2. Under Roman law, a slave was defined as property, a living tool.
  3. Faith needs a higher motive than merely self-gratification. Will your faith allow you to be content with a lost and hurting world so long as you are saved and comfortable?
- D. His Faith Was Humble
  1. (Luke 7:4,6,7).
  2. Others thought him to be worthy, while he saw himself as unworthy.
  3. "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).
- E. His Faith Trusted In The Power Of Jesus
  1. (Luke 7:7).
  2. Nothing is too hard for God.
  3. He realized Jesus could do for him, what he was unable to do for himself.

- Conclusion:
1. This is the kind of faith that "turns the Savior's head."
  2. And this kind of faith is well within our grasp.
  3. We don't have to walk a high wire in order to impress and amaze Jesus.
  4. All you need is a faith like that of this Roman soldier.