

## Being the Best at Something

(Luke 7:7-10)

- Introduction:
1. It seems that many people want to be the best at something.
  2. Guinness Book of World Records.
    - a. 36 pull-ups with two pinkies.
    - b. 11 minutes 36 seconds holding breath.
    - c. 5568 perfect shuffles.
  3. Who would you say is the greatest preacher living?
  4. The Bible records a “greatest” moment in Luke 7. Let’s take a look.

### I. The Background

- A. A Roman Centurion had a servant who was sick (Luke 7:2).
- B. He sent Jews to Jesus to plead on his behalf (Luke 7:3-5).
- C. Jesus was told not to enter the Centurion’s house because he is unworthy of Jesus’ presence (Luke 7:6).
- D. He acknowledged Jesus’ authority (Luke 7:7).
- E. And these things made Jesus marvel and say he had not seen such great faith (Luke 7:9).

### II. What Made This Man’s Faith So Great?

- A. His Faith Moved Him to Cross Barriers
  1. (Luke 7:2).
  2. A Roman Gentile and Jews? (James 2:1).
- B. His Faith Moved Him to do Good.
  1. (Luke 7:2-5).
  2. He introduced his servant to Jesus.
  3. He built a synagogue for the Jews.
  4. (James 2:24).
- C. His Faith Moved Him to be Humble
  1. (Luke 7:4, 6-7).
  2. Others thought him to be worthy, but he did not.
  3. (Proverbs 27:2) “Let another praise you, and not your own mouth, a stranger and not your own lips.
- D. His Faith Moved Him to Trust Jesus
  1. (Luke 7:7).
  2. He realized Jesus could do what he, himself could not do.

- Conclusion:
1. This is the kind of faith that turns the Savior’s head.
  2. And it is the kind of faith that is well within our grasp!
  3. Trust and obey!