## Make your Case-Hear THE WORD

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Main Scripture: Matthew 8: 5 - 13

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 6; Romans 10: 17

## Notes:

Greeting to all those who are visiting at this time and made FDIM their place of worship we have folks in Alberta and in the Caribbean and we are so grateful for what the Lord is doing. We are living in a time when technology is so advance and it is important to us to use these platforms to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew records something unique about Christ Jesus. Matthew is writing to the Jews presenting Jesus as the king. Matthew wanted them to understand he has power over disease. Here is a centurion that comes to Christ beseeching him and presenting his case to Jesus. He heard about the testimony and teachings of Jesus and believed that in Christ Jesus there is the power to heal and set his servant free from the sickness.

This man was previously tormented and his Centurian took compassion on him and when he heard about Jesus.

This man understood that he did not have the answer for his servant. God has given us the sense of reasoning and wisdom but we have to know our limitations and know what to tap into the get the answer we need. He addresses him with the right perspective as Lord. We need to understand that when we come to Jesus we must be certain to express our case to the Lord with all clarity. Don't pretty it up or use certain words to pretty it up. Say Lord I have trouble if you're in trouble.

What we need to understand is the kind of lifestyle that this man is living that Jesus can't come under his roof - but none of us are worthy of the mercies of the Lord Jesus but we thank him for the grace that when we were not found worthy he was found worthy.

What's so powerful about the word?

- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of the Lord Jesus
- Any man who comes to the Lord must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

This man understood that the word is life and has the power to change our situations. If the word of the Lord ever gets involved there must be a difference. One word from the lips of our master will change your situation. All I need is a word that will affect my life forever.

This centurion knew what authority means. He knew Jesus' words had authority and that Jesus' authority supersedes his own authority so how much more will things change under his word.

This centurion comes to tell us that we have to go expecting that God is going to heal us and reward us. Too many people are riffing and butting wondering if God will heal us. But come boldly come to receive from God. This kind of faith moves Jesus to respond.

Your words can affect the Lord Jesus that he is got to move. Sometimes we overthink things without interpreting them properly. when faith is exercised God responds and listens and sees the language of heaven.

Believe it for the cancers.

My family called me one morning and said my dad was not well. He had a fever and he wasn't responding or talking to anyone. I said call me when you are at the House and I said Dad and all he did was groan. And we prayed and he responded and then started eating. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

God is backing up something in the side of me and I will challenge the authorities of this world. WE have to see the hand of God in the presence e of the kinds of this world to show that God's authority supersedes the authority of this world.

So often we speak but we don't believe it we may take on the culture of the church and we say things we don't believe but your mind must be attached to the word.

Faith reaches God and God responds.

We can not measure what took place as the Lord said go thy way - immediately something touched the sick man's body. I am telling you of a quickening word that when it is spoken something will happen.

I remember I was 21/22 and the assistant pastor's wife was not well and the doctors could not understand what was happening to her. The assistant pastor was an army officer and I stood on the platform that night and I told her I want to pray for you and I said to her the Lord is going to mystify the minds of the doctors and I prayed and left it there and when she went back to the doctors and she told me that she went back that the doctors can not find any medical records for her wand then after they found nothing was wrong with her. WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE WORD.

We going to the best Doctors before seeking Jesus. According to your faith so it will be to you.

I was concerned about my heart once and every day I would wake up I would feel a lump in my chest and I wouldn't tell my wife because I was positioning myself in faith. And I went to my bed one night and I felt so bad I asked God to revive this condition from my body. As I was sleeping my late pastor and the assistant pastor and come over and they anointed me in my sleep and I Got up speaking in tongues and no more issues with the heart.

I have seen miracles instantaneously in church but there was a lady that had a lump in her neck and she would come every day for months and one night there was a final touch and she went to her home laid in her bed and when she woke up God did an operation everything drained out to her pillow and her neck was back to normal.

I want to stir your faith to believe.

I got married and was enjoying the early parts of my marriage and I was driving out with my wife and one day I left work I couldn't stop vomiting I couldn't keep down anything. They gave me one teaspoon of fluid and I threw it up and I was rushed to the doctor and the doctor said my kidneys are infected and I said to my wife to take me out of this place and I called my pastor in Santa Cruz and he stayed on the phone with me and we began to pray. He said it will be fine and I believed the word without the evidence of it being fine. Shortly thereafter I felt like I needed to throw up and only a teaspoon came up out of my body and I turned to my wife and I said that is the problem and up until now I have never vomited again

This centurion didn't falter when the master said go.

We have to understand these are times we have to operate in the realm of the spirit. we have authority in this realm. we must be worshiper worship when everything is alright and when things are wrong. Ask God for a challenge every day to grow your faith. This gospel didn't come to make us comfortable. If we want to be comfortable in this world it is a backslidden spirit.

I want to challenge the way how you think about Jesus. You don't have to live by the system of this world. This world system must bow to the heavenly system. We are in our job and we believe we don't want to shake the boat and we have occasions to speak and we don't speak because we don't want to rock the ship.

Believe God and what he says in his written word You don't have to do anything to try to defend yourself.

In my vision, I saw a pretty little bird following me and I saw a puppy run through the office and when the puppy ran through and the whole office was turned upside down. I went there early and I pass through to every desk and seat and began to pray and say God this kind of spirit can't stay in here and I got there the next morning and the administrator was cussing about a puppy that is spoiling the place and then God revealed who the puppy is. I If God is for you you must stay attached to the word. Il You can't divorce this word and think you will be still in authority.

What are you going to do when you have no salary and the powers of this world are shutting down the church will you get quiet or live for Jesus.

I'm stirring your faith for something powerful you need to understand what Jesus is saying it's a mind that comes to empower you and elevate you. There is power in the name of Jesus.

I followed my pastor and there was one Sunday morning under a vinyl tent it was so hot in Santa Cruz and it felt like an oven and people were running home and putting in their fans and this crazy man of God (according to human wisdom) and he said to the people plug those fans out God said you can't cool this tent down. You want this tent to cool down - worship him and he said every time you feel the heat worship Jesus. All of a sudden a cloud came and cover the son and then it drizzles lightly and then the wind started to blow and the more they wave the wind would blow. That miracle followed us everywhere we had a tent meeting and for years after that miracle followed us. And I looked on and said if God is doing it for him how about me I'm not trying to recreate something. So I got married and I brought my wife to the tent meeting and she sat there worshipping and then when the heat rose people started to wave their hands. I came here and there was a tent in Jane and finch and there was a violent wind and rain and people rushed back to the church and said it didn't make sense for us to pray at the tent. I got up and said to the church worship God in a short while you will see the clear blue sky. All of a sudden the rain died and the sun began to shine. Can you handle the word of God? Looking at your situation and speak to that situation even when the evidence is standing before me.

There is such a powerful move of the Lord coming that the cripple will walk the dead will rise and I will knock the jealous spirit if you carry that in your heart you will di a fool. You cant be jealous of folks who God anointed. I will preach over the spirit of jealously for the Lords work must go on. This is a different move of the Lord something has switched in FDIM you di as the Lord desired and the Lord will have his way. Let go and let the purpose of God be fulfilled.