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So I Know...

Matthew 8:5–13

Opening

What do you know? What do you know about God?

What do you know about the God that changes the way you face what is in front of you?

Do you really know whose authority you are living under?

So I know...

> *Matthew 8: 8- 9*
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> *But the Roman officer interjected, “Lord, who am I to have you come into my house? I understand your authority, for I too am a man who walks under authority and have authority over soldiers who serve under me. I can tell one to go and he’ll go, and another to come and he’ll come. I command my servants and they’ll do whatever I ask.* ***So I know*** *that all you need to do is to stand here and command healing over my son and he will be instantly healed.”*
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> *Matthew 8: 13*
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> *“All you have believed for will be done for you. And his son was healed at that very moment.”*

There are three things I want us to look at, three things that bring us to this place of saying, "So I know."

1. Authority

I know that I am under authority.

The Roman officer says, essentially: I understand this because I am a man under authority. I say "Go" and he goes; "Come" and he comes.

But he starts with: "I am a man under authority."

What an amazing way to teach us the importance of understanding authority.

Authority flows from alignment.

Even Jesus demonstrated this to us.

> *John 5:19*
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> *“The Son does what He sees the Father doing.”*
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> *John 6:38*
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> *“I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

I cannot properly understand the authority I carry until I understand the authority I am under.

The centurion knew the chain of authority. He knew that when someone with legitimate authority speaks, the one under authority responds.

God has the highest authority. We must understand that first, God's authority, then man's authority.

This officer understood that the Word of Jesus carried authority.

So I know that all You need to do; now that we have a better perspective...

What do we know about Him that allows me to trust His Word, even before I see the evidence?

2. His Word Is Enough

> *Hebrews 11:1*
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> *"Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]."*

Just speak the word.

He believed that what Jesus declared carried enough authority to change a situation, even from a distance.

> *Psalm 119:89*
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> *"Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven."*

Do you know, that you know... so that you know His Word is enough.

His authority gives weight to His Word.

3. Therefore I Believe

The Roman officer's faith wasn't wishful thinking. His belief came from what he understood about Jesus and His authority.

> *Matthew 8:13*
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> *"Go, let it be done for you as you have believed."*

We read the similar response of Jesus with the woman with the issue of blood.

> *Matthew 9:22*
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> *"Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you."*
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> *Matthew 9:29*

> *“According to your faith it will be done for you.”*

Closing

So here's the question we started with: whose authority are you living under?

The centurion didn't need to see Jesus stand over his son. He didn't need proof first. He knew that he knew, and that settled it.

That's the invitation for us this morning. Not to wait for the evidence before we trust His Word. Not to hold back until we feel something shift. Just to know and let that knowing move us to believe.

Authority flows from alignment. When you're aligned under Him, His Word carries enough weight to change what's in front of you.

So I know…

Discussion Questions

1. Where in your life are you still waiting to see before you'll believe?

2. What would change if you knew, really knew that His Word is enough?

3. Whose authority have you been living under, and is it time to realign?