

The Nobleman's Son

by John Hines

The miracle we are looking at today is the account of the nobleman coming to Jesus in **John 4**, the second miracle done in Cana of Galilee. The first was the water being turned to wine. Now, disaster has struck. A son is at the point of death. What can we learn from the passage?

- **Humble faith** ~ Not many noble come to the Lord (**1 Corinthians 1:26**), but this one did. He believed. Jesus had not done many miracles, but enough for this man to believe that Jesus could heal his son. What humility it must have taken! Truth be told, it is when we hit rock-bottom that we see the futility of nobility.
- **Faith and hope** ~ “Go your way; your son lives.” The man’s journey was lengthy. His servants would meet him the following day. For that day, what was the man going on? **Faith and hope**.
- **Faith confirmed** ~ “Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, ‘Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.’ So the father knew... and he himself believed.” (**vs. 53**). We look forward to when faith is made sight, when the Author of our faith finishes it (**Hebrews 12:2**).
- **Faith grew** ~ He believed and then he believed. So, did he believe or not? Yes. His faith grew. Our faith can as well. Another man would say, “Lord I believe, help my unbelief” (**Mark 9:24**). Our faith is not static. It can grow.

The man believed, along with his household (**vs. 53**). How wonderful! They had not seen Jesus, but they believed with the one who had! Praise the Lord when fathers and sons and mothers and daughters and families altogether come to the faith. Let us believe others as they point us towards the One who has the power to save.

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Welcome To Shawn & Bonnie Chancellor!

We are thrilled to have Shawn Chancellor come speak to us today as we consider the possibility of working together in the future. Listen carefully to the lessons presented, visit with Shawn and Bonnie, and let the elders know what you think of them. In turn, they will be observing us in our priorities, our worship, our dedication, and our obedience to the Lord as a church of Christ. Be sure that you conduct yourself in such a way as to be viewed “faithful” by the Lord. If you do that, then all will be well.

~ Wayne Goff

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