



Message Outline

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John 4:46-54

A Royal Request

SERIES: *Everyday Miracles*

✓ WHAT HAPPENED (*the miracle*)

John 4:46-54

✓ HOW FAITH GROWS (*the meaning*)

- DESPERATE FAITH

"I'll trust You when I see it"

John 4:46-49

- DEPENDENT FAITH

"I trust You when You say it"

John 4:50

- DEEPER FAITH

"You're doing more than I ever imagined"

John 4:51-53



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. Look at your phone and check out your recently used emojis. Which ones do you use the most? What does that say about your text conversations? Which one, in your recents, is probably NOT in anyone else's?
2. Read John 4:46-54. What stands out to you about the royal official's situation? What do you imagine he was feeling as he traveled to find Jesus?
3. What did the royal official believe Jesus could do, and what did he seem to think Jesus needed to do?
4. In verse 48, Jesus says, "*Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.*" Why do you think Jesus responded this way? What did Jesus have wanted the father, and the crowd, to understand?
5. In verse 50, Jesus tells the father, "Go," Jesus replied, "*your son will live.*" The man took Jesus at His word and departed. What makes that moment such an important turning point in the story?
6. Have you ever wanted God to show you what He was doing, but had to move forward without knowing the outcome?
7. Is there a difference between trusting Jesus can do something... and trusting that He IS doing something that we might not see? How does this keep from wrongly turning into believing that Jesus ALWAYS does what we want?
8. Jesus doesn't promise to fix every problem in the way or on the timetable we want. What promises of Jesus can we hold on to even when our circumstances remain uncertain? (Consider Matthew 11:28, John 10:27-28, John 14:27, or Matthew 28:20.)
9. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. As you pray for one another, ask Jesus to help you trust His Word even when you cannot yet see the outcome.