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SAA Alumni Sabbath - "The Centurion's Sermon," with Pastor Matthew Rajarathinam - May 16, 2026

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Before You Press Play

Watch for how the centurion in Matthew 8 models humility before Jesus, moves toward Him in action, and pleads for his servant instead of himself.

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1. What story opens the sermon?

What two dramatic examples does the preacher use to contrast passive and active faith?



My son, I sent you two boats and a helicopter.

– Faith and the rescue story

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2. Why does the preacher move to Matthew 8?

How does the sermon connect Jesus' healing of the leper to the centurion's approach in Capernaum?

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3. What first word matters?

Why does the centurion addressing Jesus as "Lord" immediately signal humility?



I am undeserving and in need of help, and Jesus is capable, and I must give my all to him unconditionally.

– The centurion's confession

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4. What does the centurion ask for?

How does the servant's need reveal the centurion's love and concern for someone else?

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5. What does Jesus' response reveal?

Why is Jesus' willingness to come and heal important before the centurion even finishes speaking?

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6. What is the posture of faith?

According to the sermon, what does it mean to come empty-handed and clear-eyed before Christ?



Faith doesn't begin with the bold request.

— Faith begins before the request

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7. How is faith pursued?

What examples does the preacher use—such as the woman with the issue of blood, Bartimaeus, and Zacchaeus—to show that faith moves toward Jesus?

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8. What is faith's purpose?

How does the contrast between the centurion and the rich man show that real faith reaches outward in intercession?



Faith that never moves outward has missed its purpose because faith matures when it begins to love.

— Faith's outward purpose

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9. Who benefits from your faith?

If faith is not only personal, who in your life might Jesus be calling you to carry to Him?

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10. What kind of faith are you living?

Does your life show humility, pursuit, and intercession like the centurion, or does it stay centered on yourself?



Jesus hears you, Jesus sees you, and you are not too much for Jesus.

— Jesus welcomes your approach

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Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach us the centurion's humility, the courage to move toward You in faith, and the love to bring others before You

in intercession. Make our faith obedient to Your word and useful for someone else. Amen.