

Bible Study 9 – Faith that takes initiative – Luke 7:1-17

Most of us know what it feels like to be helpless. Sometimes we are helpless because we have a problem too big for us to fix; there are situations beyond our control. Other times we are helpless because life has already taken something precious away. No amount of money, education, influence, or determination can solve every problem. But there are moments when words from the right person change everything. For example, a person receiving a phone call from a doctor they've never met in person, who says "take this medication, you'll be fine by morning" — and they do it, no questions asked, because of where the instruction came from.

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born as a baby boy. He was brought up in the Jewish religion and was a descendant of king David. Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. And then He was rejected in His hometown. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 7:1-17

Request (v.1-5)	
Great faith (v6-10)	
Compassion (v.11-13)	
Miracle (v.14-17)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What Christian privilege is described in Ephesians 3:12?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

The Gentile centurion had more faith in Jesus than many of the Jews. Such faith empowers bold, confident action aligned with God's will. Jesus had compassion on the widow. He was willing to be interrupted and acted decisively to help her. Godly leaders notice and care for those others overlook.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points