



## FOR CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND FAMILY BIBLE STUDY.



**HOME** – (a family that wants you to grow):

**28 June – Online Parent Talk with Mac & Naudine Adaimi on Zoom.**



**UP** – (let's worship God first):

**Pray** - Open up in a prayer of gratitude. What are you thankful for?  
*(Thankfulness towards God, cultivates a lifestyle of worship.)*



**BACK** – (let's reflect on last week):

**Testimonies** - Any testimonies for what you are thankful for? How did last week's lesson impact your life? Have you applied it in your life or shared it with someone else last week?  
*(Testimonies builds our faith and accountability cultivates a lifestyle of obedience.)*



**IN** – (together discover new truths):

**Discover** – What new truths can we learn from the following verses?  
*(Word based convictions, cultivates a lifestyle of truth and faith.)*

Ask someone in the group to read John 4:43-54. Maybe ask someone else to read it again in a different translation before you proceed.

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he departed for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honour in his own hometown.) <sup>45</sup> So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

### **Jesus Heals an Official's Son**

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you <sup>a</sup> see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants <sup>b</sup> met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better,

and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour<sup>53</sup> the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

- What can we learn about the Father heart of God from this portion of Scripture?
- Can you see the desperation of the father seeking Jesus to heal his son?

**1. Miracle-seeking faith.**

What, if any, is the problem with seeking Jesus just for miracles?

Read John 4:48

<sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”

**2. Faith is never about where you are, but who you turn to.**

<sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- Is that your norm to turn to Jesus in all circumstances?

**3. Faith is only as good or effective as its object.**

<sup>49</sup> The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

Faith is not about how strong you feel or how emotional your intentions. It is always about trusting the right object.

- Have you made the decision to only trust in Jesus Christ or are you open to other ideas around you? (E.g. Turning to medicine before you pray for healing...)
- Who do you place your trust in, in a desperate time in need?

**4. Faith that saves for eternity and sustains in the emergencies of life always produces a positive action.**

John 4:50 The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

- If Jesus says it in His word...does that settle it for you in your life?

This man’s heart was settled that Jesus actioned the healing for his son and went on his way in faith that his son was healed.

**5. His new found relationship to Jesus was contagious.**

John 4:53 And he himself believed, and all his household.

This man testimony was turning the people to Jesus.

Is your testimony still “fresh” and turning people to Jesus?



**OUT** – (let's apply what we have just learned):

**Application** – Reflecting on today's scripture discoveries, what convicts you? What have you discovered about faith, good or bad?

**Take some time and commit to allow these truths to transform you. How will you apply what you have learned?**

**Are you ready to live a life full of faith and turning to Jesus when you are desperate?**

**Pray for one another** for areas of specific need and ask the Father to provide the solution as only He can.