



Heroes of the Faith, Series - Will Mackey – August 28, 2011

### Becoming a Hero of the Faith (Part 3) (Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10)

#### The Anatomy of Great Faith:

1. A humble assessment of oneself.

*"When they came to Jesus they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.'... "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I didn't even consider myself worthy to come to you.'" (Luke 7:6-7)*

2. A full confidence in the authority and power of Christ.

*"...But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go and he goes; and that one, Come and he comes. I say to my servant, Do this,' and he does it.'" (Luke 7:7-9)*

#### What Matters Most to Christ?

*"When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Matt. 8:10-12)*

- Not race
- Not empty religious tradition
- Not birthright
- ONLY GREAT PERSONAL FAITH IN CHRIST