



Title: Faith of a Father

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Scripture Text: John 4:43-54

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Happy Father's Day!! In today's sermon, we will have a look at a father who was in desperate need, because of his son's failing health, to see Jesus. He knew that Jesus was the answer to his problem and implored Him for help. As we look at this passage, consider, how desperate are you for Jesus? Is He your answer?

I. The Narration (John 4:43-45)

This opening passage describes how Jesus had no honor in His hometown (Nazareth, see [Mark 6:1-6](#)). They viewed Him as just a 'carpenter's son', and some were actually offended that He spoke with such authority about the things of God. As a result, He doesn't stay there long but moves on to Cana.

- Why was Jesus showed no honor in His hometown?
- Describe how familiarity can breed contempt/indifference for Jesus?
 - What does indifference to Jesus look like?
- How can you be familiar with Jesus but have a growing, awe-inspiring relationship?

II. Desperation (John 4:46-49)

Jesus arrives in Cana where He previously performed His first miracle ([John 2:1-11](#)). Here He encounters a royal official, a father, who pleaded with Jesus to heal his dying son. Here is a man of status and authority, humbling himself before Jesus. Pride can keep us from submitting ourselves to Jesus. We may want the blessings but not the blesser. To enjoy His blessings, we need to follow the example of the royal officer and humble ourselves before Him. This will also show others what it means to have a relationship with Jesus.

- What does it mean to 'walk the walk'?
 - What are ways Christians don't walk the walk?
 - What effect could that have on others who are not believers?
 - How well do you walk the walk?
- Why is it important to be ready to engage others when they see our walk ([1 Peter 3:15](#))?
- Describe a scenario how you could invite someone to church.

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III. Affirmation (John 4:50-52)

Jesus told the father to go on his way; that his son lives. The father believed Jesus and started off. On his way, he met up with his servants. They confirmed that his son was healed!! Jesus was trustworthy and He healed the boy immediately and completely.

- What is relevance that the father believed Jesus, even though he couldn't see the condition of his son?
- How hard is it to believe Jesus, even when we can't see the results?
- What does it mean that Jesus is trustworthy?
- How can the way you respond to Jesus influence those around you?

IV. Salvation (John 4:53-54)

When the father ran into his servants, he asked them when his son was healed. They confirmed it was the very time Jesus said his 'son lives'. The father believed and his whole household believed. The faith of the father in the home has more potential impact than any other member of the family.

- If a child is the first to be saved, there is approximately 3.5% chance that the rest of the family will.
 - If the mother is first, approximately 17% chance that the rest of the family will be saved.
 - If the father is first, approximately 93% chance the rest of the family will be saved!
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- Describe the impact your father had in your home growing up.
 - Why is there such a challenge, many times, for fathers to assume the spiritual leadership role in the home?
 - What role does the wife have in helping her husband be an effective leader in the home?
 - What can men do to prepare to be more effective leaders in their home?