



A Desperate Nobleman April 18, 2021 Pastor Joel DeSelm

John 4:46-54 (New Revised Standard Version)

⁴⁶ Then He came again to Cana in Galilee where He had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Historical Background

1. The dad was a royal official, serving in the court of _____.

2. The man travelled from Capernaum to Cana, a _____ mile journey.

3. John's purpose in including this as one of his seven "signs" is to show how Jesus wants us to keep _____
_____ deeper in our journey of faith.

Romans 1:16, 17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

The Stages of Faith

1. Stage One: Believing in Christ's _____.

John 3:2

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

2. Stage Two: Believing in Christ's _____.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.

3. Stage Three: Believing in Christ's _____.

John 5:39, 40

[Jesus said to the Pharisees] "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life."