

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Pastor Terry Feix continued in our I've Been Thinking series with a story from the book of John that captures the gospel message beautifully. Jesus was back in Cana, where he had performed his first miracle of his ministry, turning water into wine at a wedding. His second trip there, recorded in John 4, was right after he had met the Samaritan women at the well, revealing to her who he was through intimate knowledge of her story. After their encounter, she believed and went to tell others. Once in Cana, Jesus was approached by a royal official who had purposefully sought after him for the purpose of convincing Jesus to come with him to his home to heal his very sick son. Jesus explained he could heal the little boy without having to be with him physically, and in fact, would do just that. He told the royal official to go home to see that his son was healed. The man believed and he went. He believed Jesus was who he said he was, trusted he could do what he said he could, and obeyed his command to go. That's the gospel. Believe, trust, and obey.

Ephesians 2:1-5

How are you going to respond? Believe and act.

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:46-54

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. ⁴⁸ "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." ⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." ⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed. ⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out today from Terry's message?
2. Read John 4:46-54. Project yourself into the story as the royal official. What personal thoughts, emotions, and actions would it have taken to go to Jesus?

3. How did Jesus respond? Again, if you were the royal official, what would your reaction have been?
4. Read verses 50-53 again. What do you think the royal official would have been thinking on the day-long walk back home? (What would you be thinking?)
5. The man's servants met him on his way home – which means they knew he was headed to see Jesus. What do you think the servants were thinking on their way to find their master?
6. How did everyone respond to the news of the healing, and the timing of it?
7. When have you been in a situation where your status, resources, talents and skills, couldn't help you and you went to Jesus? (This could be a current situation you are in)
8. What does trusting and believing look like in your story? What does obeying mean in your situation?
9. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Bring whatever situation that is out of your control to Jesus. Take him at his word. Trust him. If you have seen the power of his answer, thank him for his faithfulness. Ask for strength in times of trusting. To turn trust into unwavering belief and obedience – whether to go, stay, pray more, turn a different direction, or trust some more.