

KING FOR ALL #13

Luke's Gospel

Unexpected

Luke 7:1-17



A. SERMON POINTS

1. Unexpected person
2. Unexpected faith
3. Unexpected grief
4. Unexpected power
5. Unexpected response

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Why do you think that Ecclesiastes 7:2 says what it does?

“Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties.

After all, everyone dies—

so the living should take this to heart.”

(Ecclesiastes 7:2)

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. What was it about the Centurion's faith that caused Jesus to marvel?
2. What is the definition of faith? Cf. Romans 4:20-21 (Clue: it's not believing that God can do the impossible)

3. What does the account of the widow's son symbolise and teach?
Cf. 1 Peter 1:3
4. What do we see in these two accounts of the character of Jesus concerning:
(a) his love for people and (b) his unique authority?

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. What were the characteristics of the Centurion's approach to Jesus?
What can he teach us about a right attitude in prayer?
2. When was the last time that you were awestruck by something God did?
3. In the official REACHSA Funeral Service we refer to Jesus' compassion and his raising of the widow's son to new life. Why do you think?
How can we face the death of a loved one and, one day, our own death with solid confidence?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our **Men's ministry**, particularly that the men in our church continue to grow in their walk with the Lord.

Prayer for South Africa:

Almighty God who rules over the nations of the world, we commend to Your merciful care the people of this land, that being guided by Your providence, we may dwell secure in Your peace. Grant to the President and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your Will. Fill them with the love of truth, justice and righteousness, that they may serve Your people faithfully to Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.