

Worship Service
September 16th, 2018

*Worship Song	Together with Band
Opening Prayer	Presider
Bible Reading	Luke 7:1-10..... Rosanna Bokhari
Prayer	Samuel Lebbie
Announcement	Kurt Schwartz
Offering Prayer.....	Presider
Offering	Together
Special Song	Choir
Message	Great FaithTimothy Hong
Prayer of Blessing	Presider

Today's Sermon Outline
Great Faith
Luke 7:1-10

Great faith is available to all people

Here the centurion was a Roman soldier who had a high military rank. But in terms of a religious background, he was just an ordinary person. He was not one of the disciples of Jesus. He did not belong to any prominent Jewish religious group in those days. He was not even a Jew. He was a Gentile whom the Jews despised. However, he was capable of great faith. The Bible proves that, with many examples of people with great faith such as Abraham, Rahab, and Ruth, that regardless of man's condition or background, a person can have great faith. If such people could have great faith, we all can have great faith. You can have great faith too. So even if you have nothing distinctive about you, you also can be a person of great faith like the centurion here. Include yourself as a person of great faith.

Loving people

The great faith of the centurion came from his love for others. He cared so much for his servant that when the servant got sick, he tried to do everything he could to heal the servant. And he found that there was nothing he could do. At that time, he came to earnestly seek Jesus' help. His love for other people led him to great faith. When you love people, you want to help them by all means when they get sick or have problems. And when there is no way

to help the person, you cannot but turn your eyes unto God. To give you great faith, God brings people to you. They may be poorer than you and lowlier than you. You may feel uncomfortable with them because their race, language, and culture are different from yours. But believe that these people are God's instruments to make your faith great and love them.

Humility

The centurion's great faith came out from his humility. At that time the Romans ruled the Jews. He was a Roman military leader. He could have looked down on the Jews whose social status was inferior to his. But he humbled himself before the Jews and respected them as God's chosen people. He tried to attain faith by learning from them. He tried to get help from their faith. And he became a man of great faith. If you want to have great faith, respect other believers and humbly ask them to help you out when you need it. By doing so, your faith can be strengthened when it becomes weak. And your spiritual capacity can be broadened far beyond your own gifts, resources or talents.

The authority of the word of the Lord

Finally, the centurion's great faith came out of recognizing the authority of God's word. When Jesus was coming near his house to help him as he had prayed, he sent some people and said to Jesus through them: "*Lord, don't trouble yourself....But say the word, and my servant will be healed.*" The centurion publicly recognized the authority of Jesus' word. He believed that only by His word, Jesus could reveal supernatural power. Jesus called such faith great faith. Great faith comes not from seeing miracles but from trusting the word of the Lord (John 20:29). Great faith comes from nothing but trusting in the word. Do you want to have great faith? Build up your faith only upon the authority of the words of the Lord.

Applications

1. Why can you have great faith even if you have nothing distinctive in what you have and who you are?
2. How can taking care of people with love lead you to great faith?
3. What must you do to build up great faith together with other believers?
4. What is the most important base upon which you must build up your faith?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week – Filipino Group **Next week** – Pakistan and Korean Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is Spanish group (Analis Garcia).

Prayer Requests

1. For healing – Jasmine Luna who had surgery for her fractured ankle.
2. For ESF International Mission Conference (October 11-13, 2018).
 - a). All missionaries will be able to come to Chicago safely.
 - b). Enough funds may be raised (Total Goal \$30,000. So far \$ 28,030.13 has been raised)
 - c). All speakers may prepare to preach and teach the Word filled with the Spirit.
3. For **ESF international festival** will be held on Oct 14 & 21. Brochures are available today.

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (September/2018)

Date	Group	Leader
Sep 2	Asian group 1 (Filipino)	Lyle Atonson
Sep 9	College and Youth Group	Moses Sanchez
Sep 16	Spanish Group	Analis Gomez Garcia
Sep 23	Asian group 2 (Pakistan & Korean)	Haroon Wilson
Sep 30	African, American group	John Ayetty

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	GiGi Alberto, Charles Gaines, Gil Henderson, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Priscilla Caronongan, Analis Garcia, Patricia Grass

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Maria Regina Gigi Alberto//Erlyn Balano//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Charles / Samantha Gaines//Mary & Michael Hong//Diana B. Lamier//Samuel Lebbie//Alex & Analis Lucas Garcia//Lina & Ender Carvajal, Kamila Morillo//Moses Sanchez//Elijah Sanchez//Verjun / Sandra San Jose// Robert Bob Stewarts//Anges J.//Fausto Bobadilla
Lord's Day	John & Branda Ayetty//Angelina Barrera//Eryn Corachea//Jovie Dumlao Sotelo//Timothy Hong//Alex & Analis Lucas Garcia//Candy Sanchez//Cornelia Feliciano//Eloisa Flores//Rosita Damalan
Thanksgiving	Alexandria Gyorgy//Lydia Hong
Mission	Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Robert Bob Stewarts
Others	Mimi Smith

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 9-17-18	Isaiah 4-6		Galatians 4:1-7	
Tue 9-18-18	Isaiah 7-9		Galatians 4:8-31	
Wed 9-19-18	Isaiah 10-12		Galatians 5	
Thu 9-20-18	Isaiah 13-15		Galatians 6	
Fri 9-21-18	Isaiah 16-18		Ephesians 1	
Sat 9-22-18	Isaiah 19-21		Ephesians 2	
Sun 9-23-18	Isaiah 22-23		Ephesians 3	

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<p><u>Worship Services:</u> Sunday Main Service 11:30 AM</p> <p><u>Prayer Services</u> Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM Saturday 10:30 AM</p> <p><u>Cell Groups</u> Monday- Friday according to arrangement of each cell</p>	<p><u>College Student Ministry</u> Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM</p> <p><u>Youth Ministry</u> Sunday – 1:30 PM</p> <p><u>Children's Ministry</u> Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM</p> <p><u>ESF Band Practice</u> Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM</p>
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Missionaries

- Eva Sanchez – Campus ministry in Peru
- Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
- Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
- Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
- Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
- Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
- Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
- Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA
- Angelito Garcia –Campus ministry in Ukraine

Ministers and Staff

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