

<p style="text-align: center;">Living by Faith Luke 7:1-8:3</p>

We're in a sermon series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. This morning we're going to focus on a major characteristic of a follower or disciple of Jesus—faith in Jesus. This characteristic is foundational as we deal with difficulties and trials that are common to life. Knowing what faith is and how to live by faith will strengthen our ability to live for Jesus.

1. Seek to develop _____ in Jesus.
(Luke 7:1-10)

2. Cultivate _____ before Jesus.
(Luke 7:1-10)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Read Luke 7:1-17. What do you notice about the relationship between the Jewish elders and the centurion, who was a Gentile? What kind of barriers normally would exist between Jews and Gentiles? What kind of respect do you see? What can we learn from this that would help us to cross barriers?
- In light of the Sunday morning sermon’s focus on “faith” and “humility,” what can you do this week to imitate the centurion’s “great faith” and “humility”? Share your plans with someone and be sure to celebrate with them what the Lord does in your life.
- Compare the raising of the widow’s only son with the OT ministries of Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37). How does Jesus respond to the widow’s situation? How do people respond to him? What truth does this miracle teach us? What hope can we develop from it? Share this with someone.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Luke 7:18-35. How did Jesus respond to the question of John’s disciples? What evidence did he give? See Luke 4:18; Isaiah 29:18-21; 35:5-6; 61:1.
- How would you distinguish the ministry of John the Baptist from the ministry of Jesus? What were the various responses to their ministries? Describe the change that took place in God’s plan of salvation with Jesus’ arrival.
- We find Jesus associating with all kinds of people and many of these people responding to him. In what way can you imitate Jesus and become a “friend of sinners”? Ask God today to bring you in contact with someone with whom you can become their friend and share the Good News about Jesus.

Friday-Saturday

- Read Luke 7:36-50. Compare the “sinful woman” with the Pharisee. What’s the point of the story? What basic truths about faith and love do we find from the sinful woman? In what way do we think like the Pharisee about sinners?
- What is the connection between forgiveness and love? What practical principles can you find from this story? What do you need to do to begin practicing them in your personal life? Share with someone what the Lord is doing in your life.