

LEARNING TO BELIEVE: A Growing Faith

John 4:43-54

We learn in this passage there is a man whose son is sick. Whether this is an only child or not, we do not know; nor do we know the age of this son. What we do know is that this son is very sick...so sick that he is close to dying.

I want us to be thinking about how we wrestle with our own faith to believe in Jesus from afar, with nothing more than his word and his Holy Spirit? The surprise that we find in this passage is that Jesus, in fact, meets our deepest needs, even when he does not grant us our most fervent prayers.

In this passage, Jesus performs a miracle in which his divine majesty and powers are exhibited in a most remarkable manner. In and through that, we are going to see a great example of a growing faith.

I. JESUS CHALLENGED HIS FAITH (vv. 46-48)

II. AN OBEDIENT FAITH (vv. 49-50)

III. A BELIEVING FAITH (vv. 50-53)

Resources: *John*, Justin Buzzard; *Calvin's Commentaries: The Gospels*, John Calvin; *The Gospel of John*, William Hendrickson; *Matthew Henry's Commentary* (Vol. 5); *Conversion & Discipleship*, Bill Hull; *John*, John MacArthur; *John: An Expositional Commentary*, R.C. Sproul