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Week 9: What do you want me to do?

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

**Do you like
being in charge?**

God loves us, he knows
what he's doing
and He is in charge.
Read on to hear how the
centurion realised this and
so his servant was healed.

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Read



When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. ▼

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Let's Talk



The centurion knew exactly how authority worked. He had no doubt that Jesus' orders would be obeyed. Jesus himself was amazed by this man and held him up as a shining example of faith because he was someone who totally believed that God was in charge.

- ▼ Why do you think the centurion was afraid to ask for Jesus' help?
Why do you think Jesus did not go to the house to heal the servant?
How do you know God is in charge of your life?

Let's Do



The story is about being in charge. Set a task for your household to make something out of Lego without the instructions and with a few pieces hidden. See how they do for a bit, then give someone the responsibility of being in charge as well as the instructions so they can lead everyone through. Ask which was easier; having someone in charge with instructions or not having anything?

Weekly Household Challenge

This week ask God the question: What do you want me to do? Find out what God has in store for you as a household and as an individual.

Say to God: 'I am listening God, what do you want me to do?'



Prayer

God ruler of all,
help us to listen for your word
and do your will.
May we trust in you,
never forgetting that you are in charge.
Amen.