
TABLE TALK

A Humble Request

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Romans 12:3):

- C: By the grace given me I say to you:
R: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,
C: but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
R: in accordance with the faith God has given you.

Read: Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. 3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." 6 And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. 8 For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." 10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Reflect:

Jesus granted the centurion's humble request in response to his faith, not his worthiness. Like the centurion, we present our requests based on Christ's worthiness, not our own.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 7:1-10) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear God, Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that because of Jesus we can confidently bring you our requests regardless of our unworthiness. In Jesus's name, Amen.