

**Title:** Believing is Seeing

**Text:** John 4:46-54

**Target:** Walking by faith is more than eyesight, it's the combination of hindsight and foresight.

- I. **A Father's Desperation:** "So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at **Capernaum** there was an **official** whose son was ill." (Vs. 46)
  - A. **No Matter the Distance:** "at Capernaum"
  - B. **No Matter the Title:** "an official"
  - C. **No Matter the Perception:** "When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and **asked (Begged, Implored)** him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death." (Vs. 47)
- II. **A Healer's Hesitation:** "So Jesus said to him, "**Unless** you see signs and wonders you will not believe." (Vs. 48)
  - A. **Basis for Believing:** "Signs and Wonders"
    1. **Testing God:** Is our belief in Jesus based upon His performance or His presence?
    2. **Trusting God:** If you didn't get what you wanted, would you still follow Jesus?
  - B. **Relentless Request:** "The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." (Vs. 49)
  - C. **Option of Obedience:** "Jesus said to him, "**Go**; your son will live." The man **believed** the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way." (Vs. 50)
    1. **Word of Faith:** "Go; your son will live."
    2. **Faith in a Word:** "believed the word"
- III. **A Servant's Revelation:** "As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was **recoverinWg**." (Vs. 51)
  - A. **Healing Happened:** "son was recovering"
  - B. **Hour it Happened:** "So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "**Yesterday at the seventh hour** the fever left him." (Vs. 52)
  - C. **Hope Happened:** "The father **knew** that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." (Vs. 53a)
- IV. **A Family's Salvation:** "And he himself **believed**, and all his **household**." (Vs. 53b)
  - A. **Individual Decision:** "he himself believed"
  - B. **Inspirational Decision:** "all his household"
  - C. **Invitational Decision:** "This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee." (Vs. 54)

**Takeaway:** Miracles can happen at a distance in an instance.