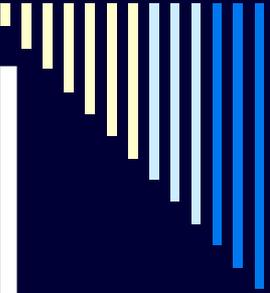




The Man With Such Great Faith!



Luke 7:1-10



Centurion

- Captain of 100 men in the Roman Army
- One of four centurions in the New Testament
 - **At the cross** (Matthew 27:54)
 - **Cornelius** (Acts 10:1-2, 22)
 - **Julius** (Acts 27:1, 42-43)
- All seem to be men of noble qualities



- Every man is really 3 men:
 - The man his enemies think he is
 - The man his friends think he is
 - The man he thinks he is
- A fourth man:
 - The man he **REALLY** is



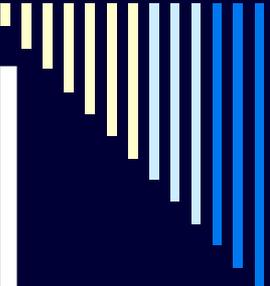
What the Neighbors Thought

- Based upon what they had seen
- They approved of him
- What would our neighbors say about us?
 - In matters what others think (1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - We are to be lights (Philippians 2:15)
 - We are to be a good neighbor (Matthew 5:16)



What He Thought

- Based on the examination of his heart
 - A sincere self estimate
 - He knew himself better than they
 - Great humility (Matthew 23:12; 1 Corinthians 2:11)
 - He was judging himself by a higher standard (2 Corinthians 10:12)
- A thorough examination will profit all of us
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Corinthians 11:28



What Jesus Knew About Him

- The Lord “marveled”
- This man’s “great” faith (v9)
 - Some have **“little”** faith (Matthew 8:26)
 - Some have **“dead”** faith (James 2:17)
- What about our faith?
 - Would the Lord marvel at how great it is?
 - Hebrews 11:6; 10:39



- Each estimate of the centurion was true from each person's viewpoint
- However – it is the Lord's approval that counts

that is who we **REALLY** are!