

In today's Gospel, Matthew 8:5-13, a Roman officer approaches Jesus Christ asking for his sick servant to be healed. Jesus Christ agrees to go to the home of the centurion, a non-Jew, and because of the great faith of the man, proclaimed, "Truly I tell you not even in Israel have I found such faith...Go, let it be done to your servant according to your faith." And his servant was healed.

Dearest ones, when we ask God for help, how do we ask Him? Here the centurion asks Jesus Christ by pleading that he isn't worthy for a visit to his home. He told Christ Jesus to just heal his servant and this would be enough. Although the centurion was a man of great authority and power, he approaches and asks for help, without demanding a result.

His faith is so great; he puts it into action coming directly to Jesus Christ for help with great sincerity. He does this because of his great love of his servant and in extreme humility. His faith was so strong, that he didn't need to see the result asking Jesus Christ to just "say the word" and he knew his servant would be healed.

How is our faith? How do we approach God in difficult times? Do we approach Him with our actions in humility and with love? With a strong faith in God and obedience in His choice for us? Let us pray that through God's grace we are taught faith and humility so that our loving Lord can tell each and every one of us, that He has found in us great faith! In His name let us pray; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.