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Triumph Over Trouble
John 4:46-54
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We all will face troubling times. Trouble will fall at the feet of every believer. We all go through trials and troubles. No matter how strong your faith might be, it does not exempt you from trouble. From work, home, or church, we cannot be lulled into believing that problems will not show up at our front door.

As we look at the text, we find a nobleman in trouble and greatly disturbed because his son was sick. He was a man of great influence and power. He did not experience the day-to-day trouble that people in the community face. However, his nobility was no guarantee that he would not have trouble. It happens to all of us.

The nobleman has everything going on but his son was sick. This was the one condition that put his entire life in perspective. Everything that was going on all around him became small and insignificant because his son was sick. If you want to triumph over your trouble you must:

1. You Must Find Good Ground For A Miracle

Putting the text in the context of the larger story, Jesus meets a woman at the well of Samaria and performs a miracle that turned her life upside down. At a wedding feast in Canaan, Jesus turns water into wine all because He said so. Miracles happen in the city of Canaan because it is good ground for miracles.

The centurion's son was near death in Capernaum, therefore, he went to Canaan where he knew miracles took place. He didn't ask for the Lord to come to him rather he went to where miracles have been performed.

The best ground for a miracle is prayer and in the sanctuary. Prayer will reach the unreachable, untouchable, and the unmovable. Prayer will put joy in your heart, and pep in your step.

The sanctuary is where miracles take place. There are miracles all around you in the sanctuary; marriages restored, cancer abated, heart conditions regulated, children acting right, and dreams come true.

1. Learn to Repeat Yourself

We are limited and finite in nature. We may forget and so we need constant reminders. But it's different with the Lord. The man's son was sick and he repeated himself until he gets on the nerve of Jesus. Jesus is irritated and annoyed but the man kept on begging the Lord to save his son.

Sometimes we've got to learn how to repeat ourselves. Repeating to the Lord is an act of reverence, honor, and dependence. It says there is no one else but the Lord that can meet your need.

1. Faith to Follow the Lord's Instructions

The man had a *progressive faith* and he was able to do what Jesus instructed. He begins with crisis faith by coming to Jesus because his son was going to die. He comes to Jesus because he has no other option. While others may look down on this kind of faith; thank God for answering us in crisis.

He moves to *confident faith*. Jesus says, "Go your way, your son is healed." Instead of turning the man off, it gave him the confidence he needed to trust Jesus. The man turns and goes home.

Confirmed faith - What the man was confident in the Lord about will be confirmed in due season.

Contagious faith - The man had to tell somebody that the Lord healed his son. When the man told his family, they all came to faith in Jesus Christ. Whatever the Lord says, do it then.