

# Jesus heals the Outcasts in Israel-

- **A Leper:** outcast from temple worship and his community due to his bodily disease
- **A Gentile Centurion:** outcast among Jews due to his ethnic background
- **A Woman:** who was usually treated as a second-class-citizen due to her gender

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When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

#### The Faith of a Centurion

5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” 7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed

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9 For I too am a man 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." 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### Jesus Heals Many

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.

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16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

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# Who is God to you?

- Distant King
  - He exists and has authority
  - No relevance or influence
- Present Father
  - Has Authority and influence
  - caregiver and provider

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# Positional Authority vs Relational Authority

- Positional Authority: governors, employers, law enforcement
- Relational Authority: Parents, Pastors, Friends

We submit to one because we must, but we submit to the other because we trust.

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# Response

- Give God relational authority.
  - Submit our needs to God in prayer.
    - with an expectation of compassion
- **Mountain and Mole Hill**
- **Mountain:** What is the impossible problem?
  - The sickness that can't be healed, the debt that can't be overcome, the relationship that can't be restored, the addiction that can't be defeated.
- **Mole Hill:** What is a seemingly insignificant need?
  - The thing that you believe God doesn't care about, the thing that only seems important to you, the thing that is so common or recurring that you've hardly even thought to bring it before God.

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