## **Essence of Great Faith**

Luke 7:1-10

"A rock-solid, truthgrounded, promisefounded trust in the risen Jesus to save you from sin."

- G. Gilbert

"They were not so much daredevils as natural leaders of a steady and sedate spirit, not so much men who will initiate attacks and open the battle as men who will hold their ground when tested and hard pressed and be ready to die at their post."

- Roman Historian Polybius

I. <u>Distinct</u> & <u>exalted</u> view of Jesus Christ.

"What happened during those hours of darkness? We know the answer. During those hours the Son of God took the burden of our sins on Himself, was punished for them in our place, and experienced such terrible alienation from His Father that He cried out at the end of that dark period, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' The darkness veiled the anguish of the Son of God while He was bearing the punishment for our sins, because it was not right for human eyes to look on Him in His suffering. At the same time, the darkness cried out against the blackness of our sin and testified to the tremendous cost to God of our redemption."

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To what <u>extent</u> is my life <u>impacted</u> by the <u>wonder</u> of Jesus Christ?

II. Understanding of Christ's absolute <u>power</u> & <u>authority</u>.

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Do I live my life of faith dependent upon the power of the resurrected Christ to continually strengthen me?

(Phillipians 4:13)