



# An Extraordinary Faith

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## Matthew 8:5-9

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## Matthew 8:10-13

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**Caesar (i.e., the  
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**God the Father**

**The Centurion**

**Jesus**

**Soldiers and Servants**

**Sickness and Death**



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## Take Away Points

1. Praise God that either near or far he has the power to heal and protect.
2. Humbly surrender in faith to a holy God who works all things together for our good and his glory.