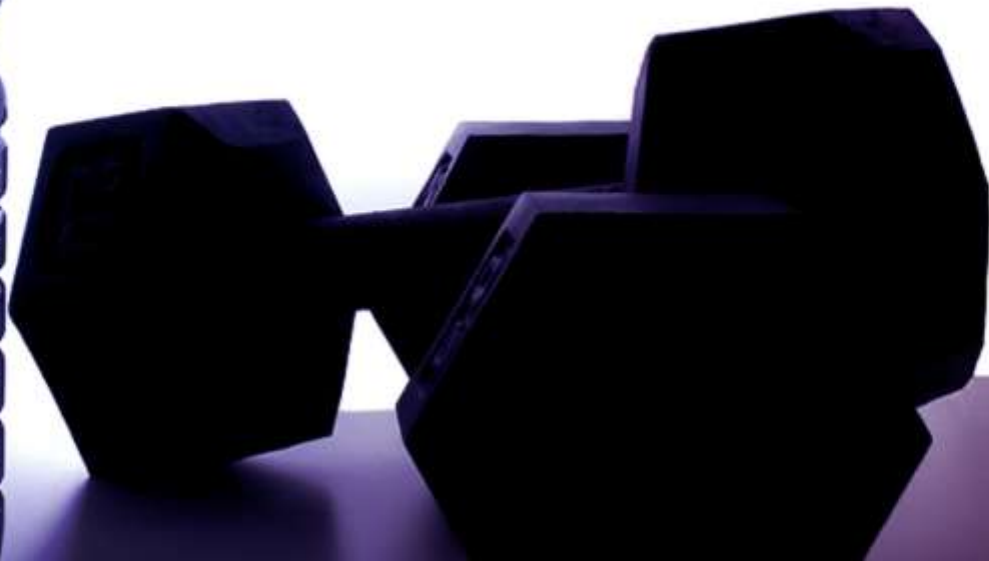


# ***STRENGTH SERMONS***



The background features a central crest with a shield containing a cross, topped with a crown and surrounded by elaborate, symmetrical scrollwork. Below the crest is a decorative banner. The text is overlaid on this background.

# **THE CONFIDENT CENTURIAN**

**Luke 7:1-10**

A red target with three concentric rings and a red arrow hitting the center bullseye. A white card is placed over the target, tilted at an angle, with the text "Confidence has Distance" written on it in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The card is positioned diagonally across the target, with the text following its orientation. The background is plain white.

**Confidence has  
Distance**



**Luke 7:1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.**

- **CHARACTER**
- **CONFIDENCE**
- **COMMENTS**
- **Matt. 8:5-13**



# CHARACTER

- 2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. 4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "**He is worthy** for You to grant this to him; 5 for he **loves our nation** and it was he who **built us our synagogue.**"
- Luke 7:1-5 (NASB)



- **38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."**
- **Luke 6:38 (NASB)**

# CONFIDENCE

- 6 Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, " Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for **I am not worthy** for You to come under my roof; 7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but **just say the word**, and my servant will be healed.
- Luke 7:6-8 (NASB)



- **2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, 3 saying, " You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."** Acts 11:1-3 (NASB)
- **10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10 (NASB)**



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# CONFIDENCE

- 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."
- Luke 7:8 (NASB)



# COMMENTS

- **9** Now when Jesus heard this, He **marveled at him**, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." **10** When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.
- **Luke 7:9-10 (NASB)**



# Marveled Twice

- **5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He wondered at their unbelief.**
- **Mark 6:5-6 (NASB)**

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- **11 I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; 12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that very moment.**
- **Matt 8:11-13 (NASB)**





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# ***SO WHAT?***

- **HELPFUL & HUMBLE WILL BE HELPED**
- **IT IS HOW MUCH YOU BELIEVE, NOT WHO YOU ARE THAT COUNTS TO GOD**
- **FAITH SEES A CHRIST IN THE CARPENTER AND HEALING FROM A DISTANCE**



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