



MEMORIAL DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Song

Hillsong United- Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
<a href="http://youtu.be/N2PNTq\_-mZs">http://youtu.be/N2PNTq\_-mZs</a>

### Memory Verse

I pray that out of His glorious riches
He may strengthen you with power
through His Spirit in your
inner being.

Ephesians 3:16

### Lesson 17: Faith Stories

## A Roman Centurion Demonstrates Genuine, Amazing Faith

A Sinful Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet

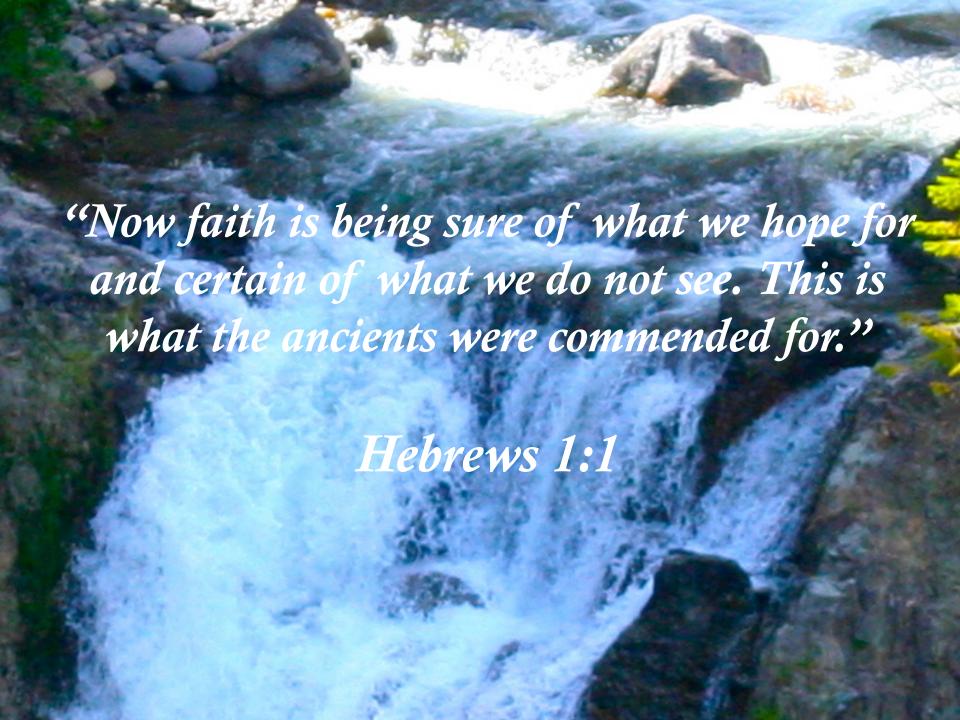


### Kids' Meals

February 12th and March 12th

Following lecture in the Fellowship Hall

Bring 2 loaves of bread Feed Hungry Children Haith...





### FAITH IS A VERB

In the New Testament, we see FAITH more as an activity or an action based upon a belief.

In many cases, when Jesus healed someone, He would say, "Your faith has made you whole." Their faith was not simply sitting around passively believing that Jesus could heal them. It was a belief so strong that they went and sought out Jesus.

#### - FAITH MATTERS





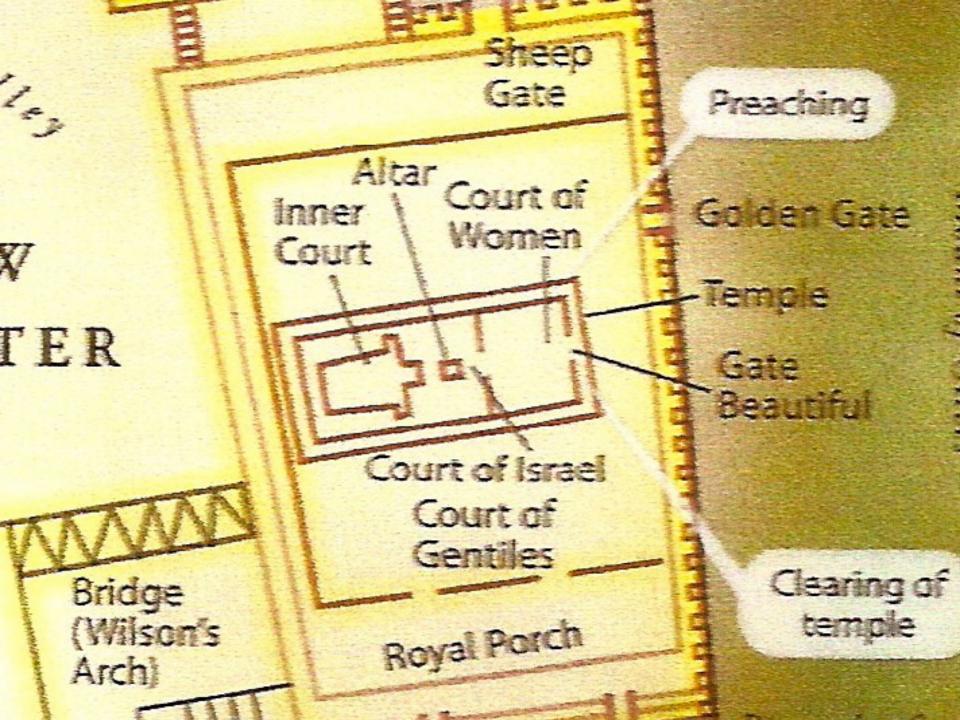
THE CHRISTBOOK Matthew 1-12

### The Christbook

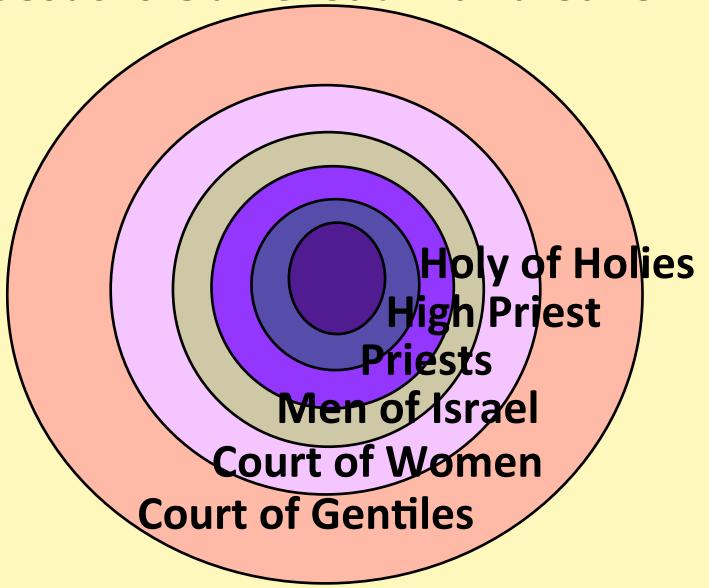
"Jesus breaks down the outer wall, letting in the leper, then the wall of the Court of Gentiles, letting in the Centurion, and the wall of the Court of Women, letting in women."

"At the cross he will split the veil to the Holy of Holies, letting in everyone. Jesus is the great Wallbreaker. A leper, a centurion, and a woman; one physically excluded, one racially excluded, and one sexually excluded from the innermost worship of the community – these Jesus heals first."

Matthew, A Commentary by Frederick Dale Bruner



Jesus is Our Great Wallbreaker



**Outside the City Gates of Jerusalem** 



# A Roman Centurion Demonstrates Genuine, Amazing Faith



### Luke 7:1-10 The Faith of the Centurion Matthew 8:5-13 A Centurion's Son

"When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.



### Luke 7:1-10 The Faith of the Centurion Matthew 8:5-13 A Centurion's Son

The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.' So Jesus went with them."

### Luke 7:6-8 The Faith of the Centurion

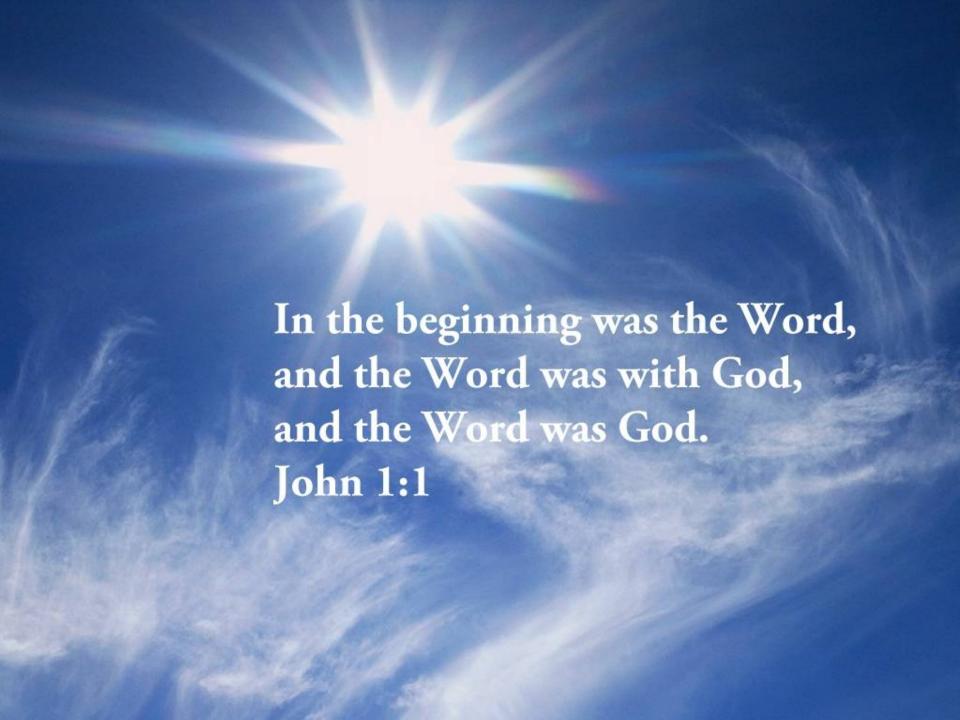
He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you.

### Luke 7:6-8 The Faith of the Centurion

But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **Genesis 1:1-31** 

THE STORY OF

## CREATION



"Wherever faith in Jesus' simple Word begins to occur across a culture, reformation happens there."

We should have breathtaking confidence in the power of the purely preached Gospel and be careful to not put too much confidence in our own zeal and works.

from The Christbook, by Dale Bruner

### Luke 7:9-10 The Faith of the Centurion

"When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well."

### Matthew 8:11-12 The Centurion's Son

"And I tell you, many people will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out of that banquet into the darkness, and there will be real wailing and gnashing of teeth out there."

The Christbook, by Dale Bruner

### A Sinful Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet



"When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them."



"When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is— that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both.

Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Jesus by a parable forces Simon to acknowledge that the greater sinner this woman had been, the greater love she ought to show to Jesus Christ when her sins were pardoned.

Christ shows that he was more than a prophet, for he is one that has power on earth to forgive sins.

Matthew Henry's Commentary

"Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



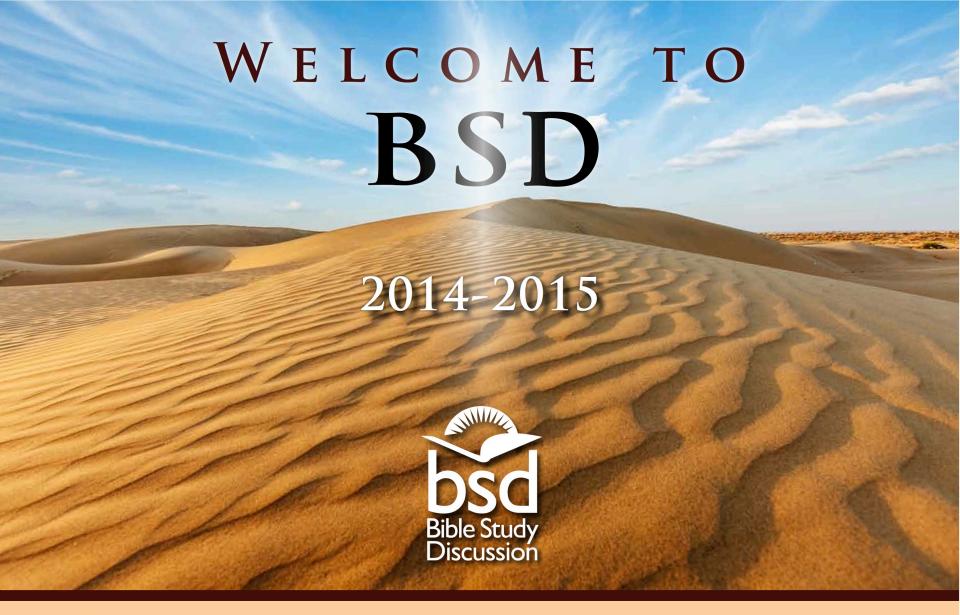


### I Can Only Imagine

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(Music Only, No Video)







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