

HARD OBEDIENCE ~ JOHN 4:43-54

→ **Scripture Reading** John 20:30-31, 1 Peter 5:5-7, Hebrews 13:5-6

A PROPHET IS WITHOUT HONOR AT HOME ~ John 4:43-45

[43] After the two days he left for Galilee. [44] (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) [45] When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.

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A NOBLEMAN ASKS JESUS FOR HELP? ~ John 4:46-50

[46] Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. [47] When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

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[48] "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." [49] The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." [50] Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. [50] Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

APPLICATION

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (NLT)

→ **Faith grows through our Submission - NOT by our Begging or Demanding**

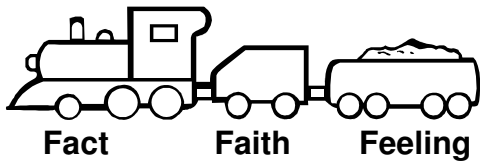
LONG DISTANCE MIRACLE ~ John 4:51-54

[51] While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. [52] When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour." [53] Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed. [54] This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

APPLICATION

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Hebrews 13:5 Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never forsake you." (NLT)



FACTS - God's Word/Promises... Power to run

FAITH - Trust in God's Word ... Energy to keep going

FEELINGS - Nice but don't run the Train

➔ **Faith should be based on God's Promises ...NOT Circumstances or Emotions**

TAKE AWAY ??

➔ **Faith is Something that should GROW**

GROWING FAITH (Life Application Study Bible Notes)

- enough Faith to ask Jesus to heal his son
- enough Faith to take Jesus at His word
- Believed Fully in Jesus as the Messiah
- Helped others to Believe in Jesus

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)