

"Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof." Luke 7:6

When the Roman Centurion heard Jesus was in the area, he sent some Jewish officials to ask Jesus to heal his sick servant. The officials pleaded with Jesus, so He went with them to the centurion's home. Before Jesus arrived at the house, the centurion sent out his friends to meet Him.

Why did the Roman send others in his place? Why didn't he go and meet Jesus himself? The Soldier was a powerful man of status and responsibility. He was a high ranking official in the Roman military. He had money, power and status. So, why didn't he go out himself and ask Jesus to heal his servant?

The soldier was a Roman in an occupied city and Jesus was a Jew. Maybe that's why. Perhaps the soldier was too rich and powerful to ask for help himself. Or, maybe he was busy with other matters. Or perhaps... The Roman centurion knew who he was, and he knew who Jesus was. As we read Luke chapter 7 we hear the soldier speak to Jesus. The man responds "I did not see myself worthy to come to you"

This summer, Faith Wesleyan studied the 12 steps. In the fourth step we take searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. If this inventory is thorough, we learn that we are not as good or as bad as we may have thought. We gain a well-rounded look at who we are. We see we are good, but we have shortcomings. Before we approach God in step 7 we need to know who we are. In Step 7 we humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings. We learn we are human and we can never be perfect, but we know the one who is!

Today ask yourself, "Do I know me?"

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