

# EVIDENCE

## Part 2: Walking by Faith

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

As we follow Jesus, we'll need to learn to walk in faith, not by sight. So how do we do that? What does that look like?

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#### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. | 1 John 1:3
- The story of Jesus healing an official's son (John 4:46-54)
- 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. | John 4:46
- 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. | John 4:47
- "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "You will not believe." | John 4:48
- The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." | John 4:49
- "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. | John 4:50
- As a follower of Jesus, you learn what it means to walk by faith and not by sight (or what you can see in the moment) because you trust that Jesus is who he said he is.
- While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon, the fever left him. | John 4:51-52
- Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." | John 4:53
- So he and his whole household believed. | John 4:54
- Something happened > sign or evidence > a reason to believe.
- Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. | John 20:30-31
- Death and sickness bow to Jesus. Jesus doesn't play favorites. We can trust God's timing. We can take Jesus at his word.

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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's an example of something you believed (or believe) based solely on what someone else told you about it?
2. Tragedy can often make people look up, or look to God--whether that's for help, or to ask why, or to shake our fists. Why do you think that is?
3. The official in the story was desperate for Jesus to personally come to his son, but instead he ended up going home without Jesus. He didn't know for sure his son was healed until he was told later. In what ways does our life here mirror that one day that the leader had to wait until he got word that his son was healed?
4. The testimony of others is what prompted the official to seek Jesus for help. How do you think your words/testimony can impact how others seek (or don't seek) Jesus?