

SERMON NOTES

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A Father's Faith

John 4:43-54 (NASB)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Developing Faith!

v. 48 – will not *believe*

v. 50 – the man *believed*

v. 53 – he, himself, *believed* and the whole household

"If you continue in my word, you will know the truth...the truth will make you free". (John 8:31-32)

- Faith in the WORKS of God (John 1:38; 1 Thessalonians 1:5)
- Faith in the WORD of God (Genesis 15:6)
- Faith in the SON of God (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

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- Jesus is Miracle Worker
 - Jesus is Teacher
 - Jesus is God (Lord)

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- "What are you prepared to do?"

Scripture for today's sermon:

John 4:43-54 (NASB)

⁴³After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee. ⁴⁴For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast. ⁴⁶Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

⁴⁹The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.

⁵¹As he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living. ⁵²So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

⁵³So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed and his whole household.

⁵⁴This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.