

A WORD FROM THE LORD

(John 4:49-50)

I've had the experienced of asking God to move in a situation and shared with Him how I wanted him to move. I am sure that we've all experienced this at some point in our life. In (John 4:46-54) a father's son is very sick (John 4:46). After hearing that Jesus had come out of Judea to Galilee and seeing that He did not come towards Capernaum but went to another part of the country the father went to Jesus himself to heal his son. The father is identified as a certain nobleman (*Regulus –in the Latin, a little king*) either for the largeness of his estate, the extent of his power or the royalties that belonged to his manor. He was a courtier in some office of the King. The father was a nobleman, a man of status but his son was sick and there was nothing he or anyone could do about it. (Look at John 4:47) states **he heard**, **he went** and **he implored** Jesus to come to Capernaum and heal his son who was sick to the point of death. Do you know that sickness has no preference? It attacks the young and old, rich or poor, sinner and saint. I am quite sure that this father had doctors to check his son out. He probably had the best in Capernaum on call. The father recalled what **he heard** about a man from Galilee (Rom 10:17). The father decided that he would go so **he went**. He could have sent an attendant or servant of his but he went himself. Sometimes you have to do it yourself. Sometimes you have to **pray** for yourself. Sometimes you have to fast by yourself. Sometimes you have to call on the name of the Lord by yourself. Sometimes you have to go by yourself. The father **heard** about all the miracles Jesus had done (Matt 4:23:25). Now his son was sick and **he implored** (**begged**) Jesus to come to Capernaum and heal him (John 4:47). (Look at John 4:48) Jesus pointed out to the father his own sin. The father's response was fundamentally flawed because he did not believe on the person of Jesus. The father was responding to

the signs and wonders he heard about. This attitude represents the deepest state of unbelief. He did not believe enough to give himself to Jesus. He wanted what Jesus could do for him. He wanted to see a miraculous sign or wonder done as it related to healing his son. (Look at **John 4:49-50**) Jesus meets the demands of the father's unbelief by healing his son thus revealing His sympathy and His marvelous graciousness in spite of a faithless demand for a miracle. (Look at **John 51-54**) the father left Jesus believing what he had said (**your son lives**), as he was going his servants met him and confirmed what Jesus had said. This **healing** happened as the father was going on his way. This **healing** happened as the father believed and did as Jesus instructed. The **healing** happened the very moment the father believed the **word** Jesus spoke to him. The father came believing Jesus would have to leave Cana of Galilee and go with him to Capernaum to perform a miracle, sign or a wonder. The father left believing that Jesus **word** was enough. (Look at **John 4:52-54**) the father confirms his faith and the actions of one caused the whole household to believe.