

***A NOBLE
FATHER***

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46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

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50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

Introduction

A. The Lord encountered a nobleman

1. People of all ranks and nations need the Savior

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

2. Jesus meets people where they are and ministers to them

Luke 6:19

And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

Introduction

B. A loving father sought help for his son

1. Wise fathers should know where to go when their children are in need

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2. Fathers who bring their children to Jesus show their love for them

Ephesians 6:4

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I. A Noble Father Found Jesus (vv 45-46)

A. Jesus had been to Galilee and returned to Cana

1. The Lord's first miracle had been in Cana

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

2. His return caught the attention of the nobleman

John 1:45

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

I. A Noble Father Found Jesus (vv 45-46)

B. His son's sickness sent him searching for Jesus

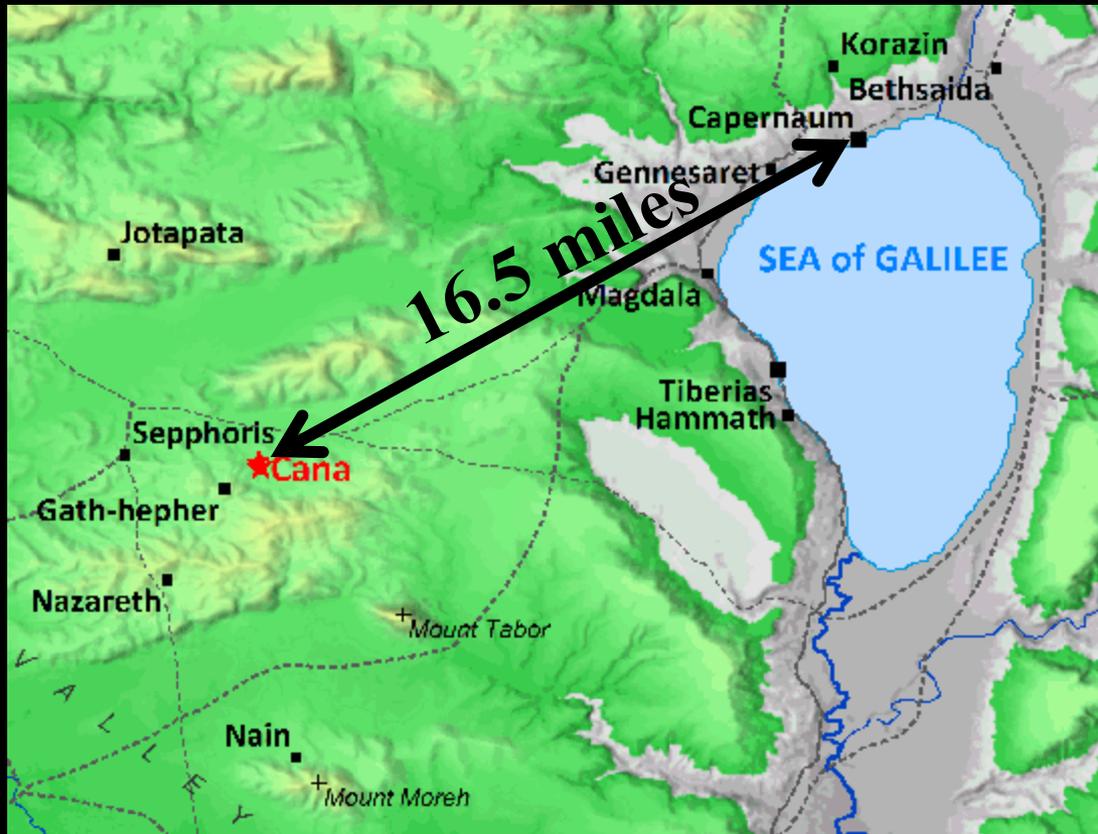
1. He had an opportunity

Isaiah 55:6

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

I. A Noble Father Found Jesus (vv 45-46)

- B. His son's sickness sent him searching for Jesus
- 2. He seized the opportunity



I. A Noble Father Found Jesus (vv 45-46)

C. What do you do when one of your children is in need?

Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

James 1:6-7

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

II. A Noble Father Knew His Own Power Wasn't Enough (vv 46-48)

**A. There are times when earthly titles and power are
inadequate**

Philippians 3:7-8

**7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for
Christ.**

**8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the
excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for
whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count
them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

Matthew 16:26

**For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange
for his soul?**

II. A Noble Father Knew His Own Power Wasn't Enough (vv 46-48)

B. The nobleman invited Jesus to his house

- 1. His invitation seemed to be his own hope**
- 2. His pleading effort to save his son**

Isaiah 55:8

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your
ways my ways, saith the Lord.**

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C. The nobleman didn't know some things about Jesus

1. He did not know that distance was not the issue

Isaiah 59:1

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2. He did not realize the Lord's word was sufficient

Matthew 8:8

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

III. A Noble Father Believed What Jesus Said

(v 50)

A. “Go thy way, thy son liveth”

1. Those words from Christ were enough for him

John 20:29

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

2. He believed the words of Christ and headed home

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

III. A Noble Father Believed What Jesus Said

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B. Each step toward Capernaum was a step of faith

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

C. The noble father's faith was rewarded

1. His son was healed the moment Jesus spoke

2. The servants and family members confirmed the miracle

Luke 5:26

And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

The Noble Father's Faith Was Rewarded

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.