

***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**

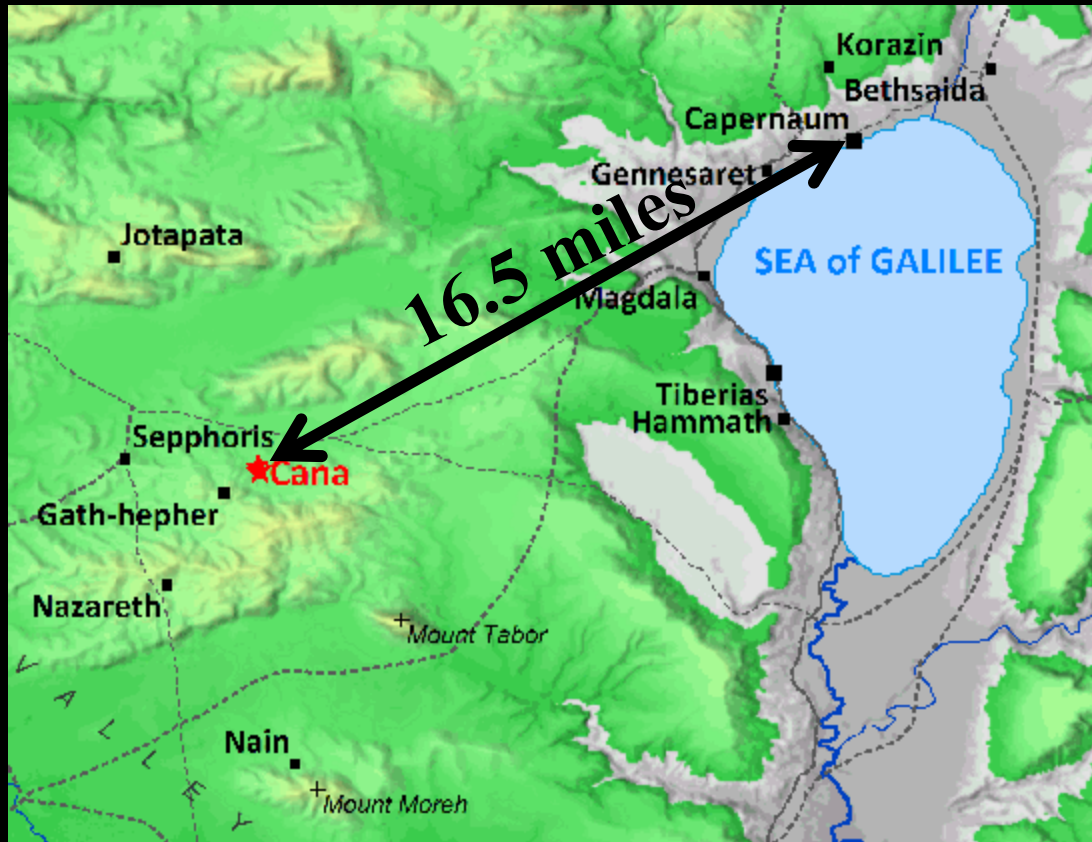
**1. He had an opportunity**

**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.**

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

### **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.**

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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.**