

Sermon Notes: Book of John Part 10 | Pastor Josh | Wednesday Night Bible Study

I. Main Sermon: John 4:43-54

A. Jesus' Return to Galilee

- **John 4:43-45:** Jesus heads to Galilee after staying with Samaritans for two days.
- **Cultural Context:** Jews typically avoided prolonged contact with Samaritans.

B. Nobleman's Request for Healing

- **John 4:46-49:** Nobleman asks Jesus to heal his dying son in Capernaum.
- **Jesus' Response:** Challenges the nobleman's faith in needing signs and wonders.

C. Healing and Faith

- **John 4:50-54:** Jesus heals the nobleman's son from a distance; nobleman believes Jesus' word.
- **Comparison with Roman Centurion:** Matthew 8:5-13; centurion shows exemplary faith without requiring Jesus' physical presence.

II. Lessons and Applications

A. Trust in God's Methods

- **Faith vs. Signs:** True faith does not require signs but trusts in God's word and character.
- **God's Timing:** Importance of aligning with God's timing and purposes.

B. Jesus' Compassion

- **Mercy in Healing:** Jesus responds with compassion despite initial doubt from the nobleman.
- **Encouragement for Believers:** Trust in Jesus' mercy and power, even when faith is weak.

III. Conclusion

- **Call to Faithfulness:** Believers encouraged to trust in God's sovereignty and remain steadfast in faith.
- **Reflection:** Embrace trials as opportunities to grow in trust and dependence on God.

Scriptural References

- **John 4:43-54**
- **Matthew 8:5-13**