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## **“By Faith” Devotional Guide**

### **1 Recognizing Authority**

Scripture: Matthew 8:5-7

Devotion: The Roman centurion approached Jesus with a humble heart, recognizing His authority as Lord. Authority is pivotal—not just in the Roman military but in our spiritual lives as well. Do you see Jesus as the ultimate authority in your life? Reflect on your relationship with Him. Are there areas where you treat Jesus as just an advisor rather than the Lord of your life?

Prayer: Lord, help me to recognize Your authority in every aspect of my life. Show me where I need to surrender my will for Yours. Help me to see You as more than a counselor—be the Lord who reigns in my heart.

### **2 Focused Humility**

Scripture: Matthew 8:8-10

Devotion: The centurion's humility was profound. He believed that Jesus could simply speak a word, and his servant would be healed. This faith did not come from a place of entitlement but from recognizing his unworthiness. In a world obsessed with self-importance, how do we cultivate a spirit of humility? Spend time today examining your heart for pride and ask God to help you see your need for Him.

Prayer: Father, I confess my tendency to rely on my strength and wisdom. Teach me true humility, knowing that my worth comes from You. May I always approach You with a heart full of trust and surrender.

### **3 Active Faith**

Scripture: Matthew 8:11-12

Devotion: Jesus marveled at the centurion's faith, contrasting it with the unbelief often seen among His own people. Faith is not passive; it acts. Like the centurion, we must back our beliefs with actions. Reflect on how you can express your faith in practical ways this week. Are there ways to serve or support others that would reflect your trust in God?

Prayer: Lord, ignite my faith to be an active one. Help me to take steps that show my belief in Your promises. Give me opportunities to love and serve others with faith that honors You.



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### **4 The Power of His Word**

Scripture: Matthew 8:13

Devotion: The centurion exemplified a deep understanding of Jesus' sovereignty. He asked for healing, not demanding a miracle but believing Jesus had the power to simply speak it into existence. Do you trust God's Word to act in your life? Meditate on scriptures that speak of His promises and authority. Let these truths settle in your heart as you face your own challenges.

Prayer: God, I acknowledge the power of Your Word in my life. Help me to trust in Your promises and to have faith that You can act without my interference. May I speak Your Word over my circumstances with confidence.

### **5 Letting Go and Simplifying**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Devotion: As we reflect on the centurion's faith—a faith that led to the healing of his servant—what distractions are keeping you from a focused faith? Take a moment today to identify anything that dims your view of Christ. Write them down and consider how you can let them go. Simplifying your spiritual life can help you focus more intently on Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, help me to let go of distractions that keep me from focusing on You. I surrender my ambitions, fears, and the clutter of life that clouds my vision of Your glory. May I run the race with my eyes fixed on Jesus, walking by faith.