

In Luke 5–7, we see Jesus revealing both His power and His compassion. He calls ordinary people like fishermen to follow Him, heals the sick, cleanses lepers, forgives sins, and restores the broken. In Luke 5, a paralyzed man is lowered through a roof by friends who believe Jesus can heal him, and Jesus responds not just by healing his body, but by forgiving his sins. In Luke 7, Jesus heals a Roman officer’s servant after being amazed by the man’s faith, and later raises a widow’s son from the dead simply because He was moved with compassion.

Throughout these chapters, people respond to Jesus in different ways — with doubt, criticism, fear, awe, and faith. The religious leaders often question Him, but those who are desperate come to Him expecting mercy. Over and over again, Luke shows us that Jesus is not distant or cold — He is both powerful and personal, and He continually responds to people who trust Him enough to come near.

Faith Is the Door We Knock On

Three different moments in Luke 5–7 spotlight the power of faith:

Luke 5:20 – “When Jesus saw THEIR faith...”

Luke 7:9 – When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.”

Luke 7:50 – “Your faith has saved you...”

Faith seems to matter deeply to Jesus. Again and again, healing and forgiveness are connected to faith — not because faith controls God, but because faith positions us to receive from Him. Faith is not a force that overrides God’s will; it is the humble confidence that God *can* do anything, even when He chooses not to do everything we want.

We must remember something important: **our faith does not manipulate God**. God remains sovereign. We pray with boldness and humility at the same time — fully trusting His power while submitting to His wisdom. Just like Jesus taught us, we pray: “*Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.*” Powerful faith is not demanding — it is dependent.

The good news is this: **faith doesn’t have to be perfect to be powerful**. The people Jesus healed didn’t always have perfect theology or flawless confidence. Some were desperate. Some were broken. Some didn’t even speak — their friends did. Yet God moved through imperfect faith. Faith is not about how strong you are; it’s about how strong Jesus is.

Finally, faith seems to be the channel God often chooses to work through. Not because He is limited, but because faith opens us to ask boldly, trust deeply, and come expectantly. Without faith, we don’t pray big prayers. Without faith, we stop asking. Faith doesn’t guarantee outcomes — but it **invites God into everything**.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus often highlighted people's faith when He healed them?
2. How do you balance praying boldly while trusting God's will?
3. Are there places in your life where you believe God *can*... but secretly doubt He will?
4. What prayers have you stopped praying because you feel discouraged or disappointed?
5. Do you believe God can work through imperfect faith — including yours?
6. How might your prayer life change if you truly believed faith opens doors spiritually?

Prayer

“Lord, I believe You are able — even when I don't understand Your ways.
Grow my faith. Help me trust You with outcomes,
and never stop coming to You no matter the result.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done. Amen.”