What if Jesus’ word is enough?

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10
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1 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to
Luke 7:1-10 cont’d

have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.
7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
Luke 7:1-10 cont’d

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.”

10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.
Jesus in Capernaum

- Lived there after temptation
- Found a number of His disciples in that area
- Performed various miracles
Roman Military

Legion had 5,000-6,000 men

Legion = 10 Cohorts

Cohort = 6 Centuriae

Centuriae = 100 Legionnaires
Centurion Duties

- Supervise fortifications
- Escort prisoners
- Relay orders down the line
- Lead men into battle
- Punished troops
- Served as a bridge between officers and troops
Views of Authority

1) Ignore all Authority
   • Problems with existing authority
   • World runs on authority
   • Loss of success and hope
     • Proverbs 14:12
Views of Authority

1) Ignore all Authority
2) Believe you are the ultimate Authority
   • What we believe or think is more important
     ▪ John 19:11
   • It can result in losing what authority we do have
     ▪ 1 Samuel 15
Views of Authority

1) Ignore all Authority
2) Believe you are the ultimate Authority
3) Submit to some Authority
   • All authority was established by God
     ▪ Romans 13:1
   • When in authority, use it don’t abuse it
Views of Authority

1) Ignore all Authority
2) Believe you are the ultimate Authority
3) Submit to some Authority
4) Submit to Ultimate Authority
   • John 5:19
Self-Evaluation

1) If you are in authority, do you Use it or Abuse it?

2) How do you view ALL Authority in your life? What are areas of authority you struggle with?

3) What if Jesus’ Word was enough?... It is, but do you live that way?
What if... Jesus’ word is enough?