

MESSAGE NOTES

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Living Victoriously: "Just Say the Word" Follower of Christ

June 6, 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 1944).

Matthew 8:5-13 (Luke 7:1-10)

"And when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a Centurion came to Jesus and said, 'My servant is lying paralyzed at home suffering in great pain.' Jesus said to the Centurion, 'I will come and heal him.' The Centurion answered and said, 'Lord I'm not worthy for you to come under my roof. You just say the word and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority with soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to a slave, 'Do this, and he does it.' Now, when Jesus heard this he marveled. He said, 'Truly, I haven't found such great faith with anyone in Israel... You go your way and let it be done to you as you have believed.' And the servant was healed that very hour."

Let's wonder aloud why so many Christians are casually and conveniently committed to Christ?

1. Knowledge issue: Is it a lack of understanding of who Christ is and what He has done?
2. Expectation issue: Is it a lack of understanding of our Lord's passion to have hearts "wholly devoted" to Him? (1 Kings 11: King Solomon's "heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God.")
3. Trust issue: "If I take that faith swan dive into full devotion to God, am I going to lose more than I gain?" (Mark 10:28-30)
4. Character issue: Some genuine Christ followers honestly don't know what commitment/loyalty is or how it works.

Is your heart wholly devoted? When does the commitment-free living stop? When does the casual Christianity stop? When does the low-cost, convenience-oriented, consumer-oriented Christianity stop? When does it stop? The day it stops is the day when you are living victoriously as a fully devoted, "just say the word" follower of Christ.

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	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
3/2	391	\$ 30,298	\$ 23,385	\$ +6,913
	Budgeted YTD \$ 818,475	Offerings YTD \$ 852,027		\$ +33,552

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