

John 4:50

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

Analysis

Jesus' simple command 'Go thy way; thy son liveth' tests the nobleman's faith—will he believe Christ's word without visible proof? The statement 'the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken' marks transition to mature faith. He departed trusting Christ's declaration, demonstrating that saving faith rests on divine testimony, not empirical evidence.

Historical Context

Ancient healings typically required presence, touch, or ritual. Jesus' distant, spoken-word healing demonstrates His authority over space and time. This miracle anticipates the centurion's greater faith (Matthew 8:8) that Jesus need only 'speak the word.'

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to believe Christ's word before seeing results?
2. How does faith progress from demanding signs to trusting promises?

Interlinear Text

λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐπορεύετο ὁ υἱός σου ζῇ
saith **unto him** G3588 **Jesus** **Go thy way** G3588 **son** **thy** **liveth**
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καὶ ἐπίστευσεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος τῷ λόγῳ ᾧ εἶπεν
And **believed** G3588 **the man** G3588 **the word** **that** **had spoken**
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αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἐπορεύετο
unto him **Jesus** **And** **Go thy way**
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:13 (Faith): And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Luke 17:14 (Parallel theme): And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.