

# Luke 7:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:

## Analysis

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**Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof.** The centurion's *ouk eimi hikanos* (οὐκ εἰμι ἱκανός, I am not worthy/sufficient) demonstrates profound humility contrasting sharply with the elders' insistence he was worthy (verse 4). The verb *skulloú* (σκύλλου, trouble/bother) shows concern for Jesus' burden—extraordinary sensitivity from a man accustomed to command.

Jewish law forbade entering Gentile homes (Acts 10:28), making the centurion's concern both culturally aware and spiritually perceptive. He recognizes his unworthiness not merely socially (Gentile before Jew) but morally (sinner before Holy God). This echoes the publican's prayer: 'God be merciful to me a sinner' (Luke 18:13). True faith begins with acknowledging unworthiness, not asserting rights.

## Historical Context

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Entering a Gentile home would render a Jew ceremonially unclean. The centurion's awareness of this restriction shows deep respect for Jewish purity laws and sensitivity to the potential cost to Jesus' ministry among His own people. Peter would later learn this barrier was abolished (Acts 10).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the centurion's humility ('I am not worthy') contrast with modern assumptions about deserving God's blessing?
2. What does his concern for troubling Jesus teach about approaching God with both boldness and reverence?
3. How does genuine faith combine confidence in Christ's power with humble acknowledgment of personal unworthiness?

## Interlinear Text

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ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἐπορεύετο σὺν αὐτῷ, ἤδη δὲ αὐτῷ,  
G3588 **And** **Jesus** **went** **with** **him** **now** **And** **him**  
G1161 G2424 G4198 G4862 G846 G2235 G1161 G846

οὐ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος ἀπὸ τῆς οἰκίας ἔπεμψεν πρὸς  
**not** **far** **when he was** **from** G3588 **the house** **sent** **to**  
G3756 G3112 G568 G575 G3614 G3992 G4314

αὐτῷ, ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος φίλους λέγων αὐτῷ, Κύριε μὴ  
**him** G3588 **the centurion** **friends** **saying** **him** **Lord** **not**  
G846 G1543 G5384 G3004 G846 G2962 G3361

σκύλλου οὐ γὰρ εἰμι ἱκανός ἵνα ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην μου  
**thyself** **not** **for** **I am** **worthy** **that** **under** G3588 **roof** **my**  
G4660 G3756 G1063 G1510 G2425 G2443 G5259 G4721 G3450

εἰσέλθης·  
**thou shouldst enter**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 5:24** (References Jesus): And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

**James 4:6** (Parallel theme): But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

**Luke 8:49** (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

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