Healing an Official's Son, John 4:46-54

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Introduction

- When a well-known person is presented to an audience, the host will often say they "need no introduction."
 - In this series, we are talking about the most well-known name in history... and making an introduction. Why?
- No one ever "moves on" from the basics. To master anything, you build upon the basics as a foundation. Therefore, to keep the structure strong, you consistently revisit the foundations.

Approachable

- The official heard about Jesus' return to Cana.
 - Based on the evidence from eyewitnesses, he seeks out Jesus.
- Point: Jesus is approachable.
 - Jesus receives seekers and those in need. Consider that the father responded to the same evidence that you have: eyewitness testimony.
- APP: Seek Jesus.

Confrontational

- Jesus responds to the desperate father in a manner that surprises us.
- Point: Jesus is confrontational.
 - He responds to a Gentile woman similarly in Mark 7:27.
 - Then he tells the father to go...

- In every case, he calls for better faith out of person.
- APP: Respond to Jesus.

Merciful

- Jesus heals the son and the father.
- Point: Jesus is merciful.
- APP: Trust that Jesus can heal you.
- Charles Simeon's applications:
 - When you have a problem or suffering in your life, go to Jesus.
 - · Let Jesus answer you on His own terms.
 - Tell your friends and family what Jesus has done for you.

Conclusion

- John described this miracle as Jesus' "second sign." What does Jesus reveal about himself?
 - Ultimately, his love for broken people.

End Notes