



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

*"And now I commend you to God
and to the word of His grace, which
is able to build you up and to give
you the inheritance among all those
who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The Power of One Word

TEXT: [John 4:46–54](#)

THE STORY

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

"but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31, ESV)

THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT FAITH

1. Faith is not a spiritual interest or fascinating enquiry. Faith is a commitment.

"Faith is leaving our problem with Christ, accepting His Word, and going on our way."¹

2. Faith is not an emotional feeling but an informed fact.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17, ESV).

¹ Hindson, E. E., & Kroll, W. M. (Eds.). (1994). [KJV Bible Commentary](#) (p. 2087). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

3. Faith is not stagnant, faith is a progression

"Note the progression of faith: the royal official originally had an inadequate faith based entirely on reports about the wondrous signs (4:48). After he encountered Jesus, he found a preliminary faith and obeyed him, heading for Capernaum (4:50). Finally, after the report that his son had been healed and his life spared, he and his entire family experienced a full-fledged faith in Jesus' person as well as his powerful works."¹

APPLICATION

#1. The powerful impact of a saved daddy.

#2. We see illustrated the reality of biblical faith in Jesus Christ.

#3. We mustn't miss the glory!

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¹ Osborne, G. R. (2018). *John: Verse by Verse*. (J. Reimer, E. Ritzema, D. Thevenaz, & R. Brant, Eds.) (p. 119). Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.