

What is 'Great Faith'?

Matthew 8:5-17

Matthew 8:5-13

Two questions and **two important themes** from this passage:

Who did Jesus heal?

How did Jesus heal him?

Some **context**:

Capernaum ...

Centurions ...

The '**great faith**' that amazed Jesus:

Sometimes the expression of faith is as simple as the _____ to _____.
(While we never argue from silence, it's interesting that only this man's request is recorded!)

Why don't we ask for healing for others?

Why don't we ask for healing for ourselves?

But there's more.

Great faith also includes the awareness of God's _____ expressed in _____
and _____. God has the _____ to _____ everything.

And great faith _____ to the _____ of God, trusting that everything –
_____ – that happens in the life of a believer is _____ (maybe especially
the parts I don't readily _____).

What if I don't think I have 'great faith'?

_____ that. And _____ for more. (Mark 9:22-24)

_____ what you believe and watch your faith _____.

The God who (sometimes) heals:

Matthew 8:14-17

First, let's consider **what the text says about healing then**:

The miracles of Jesus _____ that He is the promised _____ and that His
_____ had come.

Isaiah 53 connects sin – and its many _____ – together, and proclaims that _____ are
remedied in Jesus!

And though he healed *many*, he did not heal *all*.

His _____ purpose was to _____ the good news of the Kingdom. (Luke 4:43)

Now let's consider what **the lesson is for us now**:

He still heals to display his _____ and _____.

He still responds to our _____.

But he does not _____ (or perhaps even *often*) heal.

Why?

Conclusion: What am I going to do with what I have heard today?

Pray to be delivered from _____, but also to be delivered from _____.

Pray with _____ and also with _____.

Also ask God what he wants to do _____/ _____ your sickness or pain.

Greater compassion for others?

Greater desire for God?

Greater desire for heaven?

Greater pursuit of personal holiness?