

JESUS HEALS AN OFFICIAL'S SON
(The Second Sign--How Belief Grows)

John 4:43-54
Key Verse: 4:50

Lesson # 11

1. Where did the event in this passage take place? Who are the people involved?
2. Where did Jesus spend two days? (43,40) When he arrived in Galilee, What kind of reception did he find? (45) Why was Jesus not so pleased with the Galilean welcome? (48, Jn 2:23-25)
3. What was the official's problem? What did he do about it? (46,47)
4. How did Jesus respond to this man's request? (48) Did he sound as if he were going to help the man?
5. How did the official respond? (49) What did he ask Jesus to do? (49) What did he believe? What does his persistence show about him? What did Jesus promise him? (50a)
6. How did the man show his faith in Jesus' promise (50b) What does his obedience show about his faith? Why might it have been hard to obey?
7. Who met him on the way home, with what good news? (51) What was his first response to this news? (52) Why did he ask the time? (Who was he thinking about?)
8. What did the father realize? (53) What affect did this have on him and on his household?
9. Review the three levels of belief found in this passage. How are they different? Why was the first kind inadequate? (48, 50b, 52-53))
10. Why is it hard to practice obedient faith? (50) Why is it important for faith to grow from benefit-seeking faith to committed faith? How can it?
11. What can we learn from this official? At which of faith am I now? What can we learn from Jesus? About Jesus?