

Faith Comes by Hearing the Word: Steadfast Confidence in Christ

Romans 10:17 and John 4:43–54

The Christian walk calls women of God to **unwavering confidence** in the One who speaks and brings life. Scripture reminds us: “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ*” (**Romans 10:17**). Faith is not born in a vacuum, nor is it built merely upon emotions or wishful thinking. True faith is birthed, nurtured, and sustained by the Word of God as it is heard, received, and trusted.

One of the clearest illustrations of this truth is found in **John 4:43–54**, the story of the royal official whose son lay sick in Capernaum. Though this man had never witnessed a miracle of Jesus firsthand, his heart was stirred by the testimonies surrounding Christ. The streets of Cana buzzed with chatter: *Who is this Jesus? Could He be the Messiah? Is He truly a miracle worker?* From whispers in the marketplace to stories passed around dinner tables, the news of Jesus’ power spread quickly. Some were skeptical, others were amazed, but for the royal official, these **stories planted a seed of faith**. When his son fell gravely ill, that seed met a desperate need. The man left Capernaum and traveled to Galilee with urgency and expectation. He had not seen Jesus heal, but he had **heard enough to believe**. The testimonies were no longer mere rumors, they became evidence, truth in his heart, that Jesus could heal. With boldness, he begged Jesus to come heal his child. But Jesus did not go with him physically. Instead, He simply spoke: “*Go, your son will live.*”

The royal official had a choice: would he waver in doubt because Jesus did not travel back with him? Or would he take Christ at His Word? Scripture tells us he believed the word Jesus spoke to him and departed. That confidence and **steadfast trust** were not shaken by distance, time, or circumstance. He knew that if Jesus declared a healing for his son, then it was already done.

What an encouragement this is for us today as women of God! Many times, like the royal official, we face situations that press us to the edge of desperation - sickness, uncertainty, financial trials, family burdens, or the heaviness of spiritual battles. And often, Jesus does not always “show up” in the way we expect. Instead, He gives us His Word. The question remains: will we waver, or will we stand firm and take Him at His Word?

Romans 10:17 teaches us that **faith is strengthened** through **hearing**. Week after week, as we sit under sermons, gather in Bible studies, or share testimonies with sisters in Christ, **seeds are being planted** in our hearts. These seeds prepare us for the very moments when life’s storms press hard. What we’ve heard repeatedly becomes the solid ground beneath our feet when the winds of fear try to sweep us away.

The royal official’s story reminds us that the testimonies we hear and the Scriptures we study are never wasted. They are **deposits of faith**. And when our hour of need arises, that faith ignites. The stories of God’s goodness, which are shared in worship, whispered in testimony, shouted in proclamation become anchors for our souls.

Sisters, let us never underestimate the **power of hearing**. Surround yourself with the Word. Fill your home with Scripture, your heart with worship, your ears with testimonies of God’s faithfulness. Faith is not built in isolation; it is built in community, in conversation, and most importantly, in Christ. The royal official teaches us that hearing about Jesus can prepare us to believe Him even when we’ve never seen Him move in that way before.

May we, like him, have steadfast confidence that the **Word of Christ is enough**. Distance cannot weaken His authority. Time cannot diminish His promise. Circumstance cannot block His power. If He has spoken it, it is already done. So let us be women who take Jesus at His Word and walk in victory every single day.