

## Walking in the Peace of God: Confidence in His Word

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### Scriptures:

**John 4:43-54**

**Romans 10:17**

The peace of God is not merely a feeling or a fleeting sense of calm; it is a deep, unshakeable confidence in His Word. As **John 4:43-54** illustrates, true peace comes when we *“take Christ at His word.”* **Romans 10:17** reminds us that *“faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,”* while Isaiah 55:11 assures us that God’s Word *“will not return void but will accomplish what He pleases.”* Understanding this truth transforms the way we face life’s challenges, trials, and uncertainties.

### Introduction to the Message: Confidence in His Word

Tonight’s message centers on a profound example of faith found in the story of the royal official who approached Jesus, seeking healing for his son. This man demonstrated confidence in God’s Word, not by seeing a miracle firsthand, but by believing that Christ had the power to heal even from a distance. What the royal official “possessed” was confidence in Christ to perform what he had heard Christ could do. This confidence provided him with the peace of God to trust that if Christ said He would heal my son, then believe He will perform it. This type of peace comes from unwavering confidence not in the outcome, but in the Lord’s promise. His promise to do what He said (Today, is the written and recorded Word of God in the Bible) He would do.

The royal official teaches us a critical principle: peace is confidence in the Word of God. When someone declares, “I have peace about this situation,” they are essentially saying, “No matter what happens, I trust God.” We must trust what the Word says about God and about God’s promises concerning situations that arise. Even if and when circumstances look bleak or remain unresolved, we must remain confident and believe His Word. True peace in the midst of trials is faith in action. It is trusting God before the miracle manifests, stepping forward in obedience, and walking about life as though God has already acted. Although the royal official did not witness his son’s recovery firsthand, he accepted Christ’s assurance and believed his son was healed solely based on Christ’s declaration stating that his son is healed. Trust God’s Word!

### How Confidence is Born

Confidence in Christ often begins with a seed planted by hearing about Him. The royal official had never witnessed Jesus perform a miracle. His knowledge of Christ came through the

testimonies of others, Jewish believers, witnesses of Christ's miracles, and even casual conversations in the community. The stories he heard ignited curiosity, and over time, these repeated accounts cultivated faith in his heart.

**Romans 10:17** reminds us that *"faith comes by hearing."* Hearing about the miracles and teachings of Jesus planted a seed in the official's heart. But a seed alone is not enough. Faith must encounter a need, and it is when the royal official's son fell gravely ill that his curiosity transformed into confidence. The testimonies he had heard were no longer just stories; they became evidence that Christ could meet his need.

### **Faith Meets Need**

When the royal official approached Jesus, he did so in humility and desperation, asking, "Sir, come down and heal my son before he dies" (John 4:47). His faith required believing several extraordinary truths:

1. That a man he had never met could heal his child.
2. That Jesus could exercise authority and power despite being someone he was culturally taught to regard as beneath him.
3. That the Word of Christ was trustworthy, even without physical verification.

In doing so, the official demonstrated faith stretched to its fullest, laying aside pride, social status, and fear of judgment to pursue the power of God.

### **Confidence in Christ: Obedience and Peace**

Jesus responded, "Go, your son will live," and the royal official "took Jesus at His word and departed" (John 4:50). He did not wait to see a sign or demand proof. He believed, obeyed, and walked away fully confident that the Word of the Lord had accomplished what Christ had declared concerning his son. This is the essence of peace; believing and acting on God's Word before circumstances validate it.

Isaiah 55:11 reinforces this principle: God's Word will not return void but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. Like the royal official, we are called to receive the Word, trust its power, and go about our daily lives with assurance, demonstrating faith in action.

### **Faith Without Sight: Lessons for Today**

Confidence in God is not dependent on what we see but on what we believe. Consider the story of a woman who attempted to swim the English Channel. Completely exhausted and surrounded by a thick fog that hid the shoreline from view, she kept swimming, driven by faith in her goal, even though she couldn't see the shoreline. Yet, after battling fatigue and the relentless fog that clouded her vision and blocked her view of the finish line, she gave up,

stopping just short of success. In fact, she stopped only a half mile from her destination, all because she lost sight of her goal. She couldn't see the shoreline.

This story mirrors our spiritual journey. The enemy seeks to obscure our vision, fill our minds with doubt, and divert our confidence away from God. He aims to steal our peace, the very assurance that God has given us, by making us focus on obstacles rather than the promises of God. When we lose sight of His Word, anxiety, fear, and uncertainty creep in. Too often, this leads us to abandon our vision, the business plan, the relationship, the ministry, the creative idea, and even our peace and confidence in the Lord (His written and recorded Word).

### **Guarding the Peace of God**

The royal official's example teaches us that **peace is a spiritual superpower**. It is a weapon against fear and doubt. Satan cannot stand against a believer who is confident in the Word of God. He may attempt to distract, discourage, and intimidate, but the believer who takes God at His Word remains steadfast.

True confidence requires action: receiving the Word, believing it, and returning to life as though the Word has already been fulfilled. Like the royal official, we must walk in obedience, let go of pride, and trust that God's Word is active, powerful, and effective.

### **Conclusion: Confidence Transforms Life**

The royal official's story is not only about a miraculous healing but about the transformative power of faith in God's Word. Confidence in Christ allows us to experience peace even before outcomes appear. It enables us to act in faith, embrace humility, and trust God in ways that defy logic or circumstances.

Peace is the outward expression of inward confidence in God's promises. It is faith at work, a trust that refuses to waver even when trials loom large. To walk in God's peace is to live with the assurance that His Word is true, His power is real, and His promises are steadfast.

Let us, like the royal official, take Christ at His Word, trust His promises, and walk in unwavering confidence. In doing so, we protect our peace, activate our faith, and witness the miraculous power of God at work in our lives.