

# **SERIES:** waiting for the *Word*

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, November 4-5, 2023

**SERMON:** Meeting God

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 7:1-17 NIV

[7:1] When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum.

[2] There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.

[3] The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.

[4] When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this,

[5] because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

[6] So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.

[7] That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

[8] For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

[9] When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

[10] Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

[11] Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

[12] As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

[13] When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

[14] Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

[15] The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

[16] They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

[17] This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

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## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **we need to know.**

- A God who is \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - **Psalm 103:8** *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*
  - A God of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A God who is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Desires that we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  - **Hebrews 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*
  - **Luke 17:5** *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **this matters.**

- We need to \_\_\_\_\_ someone \_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ like the One we \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ on a God who has the \_\_\_\_\_ to save and to deliver.

# Lagniappe

Last week I announced our proposed budget for 2024. This week I want to give you my (our) view of budgeting for a church.

**First, a church budget should be a reasonable and reachable amount.** For example, a church with 100 people cannot have an \$8 million budget, but a church with an average attendance of 2,400 can. We also know this is a reasonable amount because we have received offerings of \$8 million this last twelve months. Churches should not have budgets which are likely not to be met.

**Second, the budget should reflect the vision of the church.**

Here is our adopted purpose and mission: *We exist to help people know and accept Jesus Christ and through Him to experience life-changing relationships.*

**Third, our giving should be for meeting the budgeted goals of the church.** At FBC the budget supports the works of ministry. Because we give - through the budget we can have VBS, Special Friends, and a host of other ministries. The budget allows us to do ministry effectively.

**Finally, all of us should give to do the work of ministry.** Rich and poor should give and do so in proportion to their income. A tithe (10 percent) is a good place to start, but committed Christians should not end at that point.

Please join us Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45PM in the Worship Center for the 2024 budget presentation.

# Waylon