

# ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

## The Nobleman

### LOOKING AT ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

- A. How we perceive God's word is important
  - 1. A historical perspective (**Luke 8:12 NKJV**)
  - 2. As spiritual truth - not a regular book of ancient wisdom
  - 3. God's word is alive and powerful (**Hebrews 4:12 NKJV**)
  - 4. An important key to getting more out of the Bible (**Romans 1:16 NKJV**)
- B. Connecting with His Kingdom
  - 1. Jesus is king of a different realm (**John 18:36-37 NKJV**)

### LESSONS FROM AN ENCOUNTER (John 4:46-53 NKJV)

- A. A man willing to ask big - 17 mile walk to Capernaum
  - 1. He was a royal officer and a desperate father
  - 2. Most likely accustomed to having his way
- B. He was not easily discouraged
  - 1. Jesus' answer did not sound too promising
  - 2. Yet he asked again - he could have walked away
- C. An admirable faith
  - 1. Jesus gave him good news and instructions
  - 2. The nobleman believed and acted
- D. Finally saw the answer
  - 1. Some time had passed - at least a night and part of a day

### APPLYING THESE LESSONS TODAY

- A. Seeing ourselves as royalty (**Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV**)
  - 1. Carrying a beggars mentality will not help
  - 2. We are part of the King's family (**Romans 8:29 NKJV**)
- B. Resisting discouragement is vital
  - 1. Easy to walk away when things don't appear to go our way (**Hebrews 10:35-36 NKJV**)
- C. An admirable faith
  - 1. Faith that acts without seeing or feeling (**James 2:18 NKJV**)
- D. The fight of faith is real and important (**1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV**)
  - 1. Continuing to act on God's word without support from senses