A Father’s Faith

John 4:43-54
Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

John 4:43–45
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

John 4:46–47
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

John 4:48–49
And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word.

John 4:39–42
Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

John 4:39–42
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
• Passed the test
The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

John 4:48–49
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
• Passed the test
• Believed the word of Jesus
Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

John 4:50
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
• Passed the test
• Believed the word of Jesus
• Was confirmed and rewarded
And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

John 4:51–52
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
• Passed the test
• Believed the word of Jesus
• Was confirmed and rewarded
• Grew into the most important and significant faith
So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

John 4:53
A Father’s Faith Grows

• He believed Jesus could heal his son, if he came down to Capernaum
A Father’s Faith Grows

• He believed Jesus could heal his son, if he came down to Capernaum
• He believed Jesus had healed his son, even though he had not come down to Capernaum
A Father’s Faith Grows

• He believed Jesus could heal his son, if he came down to Capernaum
• He believed Jesus had healed his son, even though he had not come down to Capernaum
• He believed in Jesus
A Father’s Faith

• Was the only hope for his dying son
• Was tested by Jesus
• Passed the test
• Believed the word of Jesus
• Was confirmed and rewarded
• Grew into the most important and significant faith
• Led a whole household to belief in Jesus
So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

John 4:53
Our Faith

• Is based on testimony and Jesus’ words, rather than being eye-witnesses of His signs and wonders
Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

John 4:39–42
So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17
Our Faith

• Is based on testimony and Jesus’ words, rather than being eye-witnesses of His signs and wonders
• Receives a special blessing for that very reason
Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:29
Our Faith

• Is based on testimony and Jesus’ words, rather than being eye-witnesses of His signs and wonders
• Receives a special blessing for that very reason
• Must grow
Our Faith

• Is based on testimony and Jesus’ words, rather than being eye-witnesses of His signs and wonders
• Receives a special blessing for that very reason
• Must grow
• Must be acted upon
And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:15–16
What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:14–17
Our Faith

• Is based on testimony and Jesus’ words, rather than being eye-witnesses of His signs and wonders
• Receives a special blessing for that very reason
• Must grow
• Must be acted upon
• Will affect others