

Bay City Wesleyan Church
June 4, 2017

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Sunday Morning 06-04-2017 (Pentecost Sunday)
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Our theme for 2017 is Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."

These two simple words will transform every person that accepts the challenge. I pray that in the next few months all of us in this church, as well as those who join us, will see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

Do you want to know how to amaze Jesus?
Think about that for a moment. How do you surprise the guy who knows everything? How do you do something great enough to make the Creator of the Cosmos say wow?

Luke 7:1-10 NIV
When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 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. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 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." 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." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.
<http://bible.com/111/luk.7.1-10.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:
If you want to amaze Jesus,
all you need to do is to trust him with BIG FAITH.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV
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.

<http://bible.com/111/heb.11.6.NIV>

Why is BIG FAITH a BIG DEAL for Jesus?

Trust was devastated in the Garden

- + Dishonesty
- + Distrust
- + Disobedience

Faith works to restore us and the universe

+ Truth (God reveals himself through nature, through the Bible, through Jesus,

and through the Church)

- + Trust (our response to Jesus)
- + Transformation (the Spirit's work in us)

Sermons come in all shapes and sizes. But if you listen closely, you'll hear God saying the same thing in most sermons – trust me.