BUT ONLY SPEAK

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Matthew 8:8 "The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

Similar to the miracle of the healing of the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54), the centurion servant's miraculous healing (Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10) shows Christ as able to heal from a distance solely by the power of His word! Because of his involvement as a commander, the centurion knew that Jesus did not need to come to his home and pray over the dire young man. It was true back then, just as it is right now - distance is not a factor in our Lord's capability to heal! Our Lord's word is sufficient, whether far or near.

Genuine faith requires no visible sign! The faith the centurion had was in the spiritual ability of Christ; he had the utmost confidence in the effectiveness of Jesus' word to heal anyone with an infirmity. As a person of authority, he fully recognized that diseases HAD to obey The Lord's orders just as his men were obligated to obey him as their superior officer. The centurion knew that authority exceeded distance. Did you know that an officer doesn't need to be personally present to command his soldiers to carry out his orders? It was enough for The Lord to execute His will simply by His word, and it is done!

In Mark 16:17-18, our Lord Jesus says, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." There is power in the Name of Jesus! When we call on this mighty name, with faith and authority, for the honor and glory of God, we will live the words spoken by our Lord Jesus in Mar 9:23: "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Amen.

At His service, Pr. Teddy Santos