

DEATH AND TAXES

Luke 7:1-17

We can have courage in the face of death because...

- Jesus responds to humble faith, not personal worthiness.
7:1-10
- Jesus responds with compassion to the broken-hearted and cares for us in our pain.
7:11-15
- Jesus stands as the supreme Prophet who reveals God's heart and conquers death.
7:16-17

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How do you think about death? Is there lingering fear in your heart? Have you ever seen someone face death with confidence and courage?
2. Read Luke 7:1-6. How does the Jew's concept of worthiness contrast with the centurion's idea of worthiness? What are some ways that Christians can allow a works-based mindset that sees their value as tied to their works to creep into their lives?
3. Read Luke 7:6-10. What do we learn about real faith in this passage? Why do you think Jesus is amazed at this man's faith?
4. What situation in your life do you need to see Jesus as able to handle, even though He may not be physically present?
5. Read Luke 7:11-15. How do we see Jesus' compassion in this passage? How does it comfort you to know that Jesus has real compassion for you? (see Matthew 11:28-30, Exodus 33:18-19, 34:5-7, Heb 4:15-16.)
6. How have you seen Jesus take care of you amidst loss, pain, and grief?
7. Read Luke 7:16-17, and consider the stories from the Old Testament that are echoed in these stories (2 Kings 5, 4:32-37, 1 Kings 17:19-24; see also Luke 4:24-27)? What is the significance of these echoes?
8. What does it mean that Jesus is the definitive revelation of God's heart? How does this encourage you? (see Heb 1:1-3, John 14:6-9, John 1:1, 14, 18)

