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## SERMON RESOURCES

**Sunday, July 7, 2013**

**Healing Faith: The Second Miracle in John**

### Central Text:

<sup>43</sup>After the two days he departed for Galilee. <sup>44</sup>(For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) <sup>45</sup>So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

<sup>46</sup>So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

John 4: 43-54 (ESV)

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

How does God's previous work in your own life encourage your faith in His future plans to bless you?

Jesus tells the official that he will not believe unless he sees "signs and wonders"; what is the implication about faith that comes only from seeing tangible blessings?

Should we always need to see God's past work to believe in His present and continuing involvement in our lives?

How does Jesus respond to this man's proclamation of faith?

Does Jesus' response of healing in this passage obligate Him to answering all of our prayers with a "Yes, I'll do it Why or why not?

What might Jesus be doing in our lives by delaying an answer or by responding to our requests with a "no."?

## Additional Resources and Art Forms:

[Video Clip: "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"](#)

**Questions about your spiritual journey? Need to talk with someone?**

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