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Jurisdiction: Great Faith Leadership

God is placing men and women of **great faith** into positions of leadership under His authority. These men and women are under a call from God to advance His Kingdom and take down Babylon. They have great faith knowing their cause is righteous as they stand up to protect God's children and their own posterity from this Marxist-Luciferian system. They have great faith knowing there is a greater power leading them; a greater power than they possess on their own.

Faith: Strong's # 4102; *pistis* (pis-tis): Conviction, confidence, trust, belief, reliance, trustworthiness and persuasion. Faith is the ability to believe and trust in God. Faith brings hope and peace to our heart. Gentiles can have great faith as they hunger after righteousness, not yet realizing all righteousness comes from God.

The Greatest Faith Jesus ever acknowledged was from a Gentile Centurion.

Matt 8:5-13 *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."*

The Centurion was moved with **compassion** for the sake of others. He was compelled to stand up to help those who couldn't help themselves, especially those in his care, those in his "sphere." In this specific case, it was his servant.

*7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 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.*

The Centurion had a spirit of **humility**, stating he was not worthy of the Lord coming into his house. Then he acknowledged the power in a **spoken word from a person in authority**. He expounded on authority:

9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

The Centurion understood in order to be "in" authority, you have to be "under" authority. He knew his authority didn't come from himself, but from a higher authority; the Roman government. Ultimately, all authority comes from God. The Gentile Centurion knew Jesus was speaking with a greater authority than just His own. Whether the Centurion knew Jesus was the Messiah or not, **didn't matter**, because he recognized **His authority, and that equated to great faith!** He understood how authority works; the power of spoken words from someone **in** and **under** authority.

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Marveled: Strong's #2296 *thaumazo* (thou-mad'-zo); by implication, to admire, marvel, wonder. Merriam-Webster defines it as "astonishment" being "amazed." Jesus was amazed at the Centurion's **understanding of authority**.

What happens next is even more profound. Jesus prophesies about people gathering with the **founding Patriarchs** of the Jewish nation and that they would "**sit down**" with them in the Kingdom of Heaven. To "sit down" indicates a position of authority. **Eph 2:1-10**, **Eph 3:10**, tells us **through grace** we are raised up together and **made to sit in heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come (end times) He might show the exceeding riches of His grace. God prepared us for good works before we were born, showing His workmanship and **manifold wisdom through us** to the principalities, powers and rulers of darkness of this age. Through God's **grace and authority**, the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ (**Rev 11:15**), and in the process, many Gentiles will be saved.

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The "sons of the kingdom" are the sons of the Kingdom of Darkness, the sons of disobedience.

Luke 7:2-10, in Luke's account, the Gentile Centurion is said to "love the nation" and has "built a synagogue." Today we call someone who loves this nation and supports conservative values a "Patriot." Even though he was a Roman, he was willing to help the Jews build a synagogue because he felt it was the right thing to do.

The word **Patriot** is derived from the Greek word *patrios*, meaning "of one's father." Another word that correlates to *patrios* is "*patriarch*." In our bible, Abraham is the original **Patriarch** and is called the "**Father of Our Faith**". Through Abraham's obedience, God blesses all of us. Abraham's obedience was equated to his faith!!! **Heb 11:8** **By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Submitting to authority is an act of faith.**

Continuing with the Centurion:

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour. The Centurion's faith in the **authority of Jesus**, healed his servant.

Jesus ties together the **great faith** of the **Gentile Centurion**, the **Patriarchs** and His coming **Kingdom**. God used the Centurion to open a "door of faith" to the Gentiles. The great faith of the Centurion led to his servant being healed. The Centurion has a heart of a father, a protector, one that Jesus equated with being seated with the Patriarchs.

The 7 Attributes of a Great Faith Leader

1. Moved to action by compassion for others.
2. Has a spirit of humility. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
3. Understands the power of spoken words from a person in authority.
4. Understands to be "in" authority, you have to be "under" authority; a spirit of submission.
5. Has the heart of a Patriot, a father's heart, the heart of a protector for children and this nation. For women, this is the heart of a Matriarch protecting their children and posterity.
6. Is willing to give of their time, talent and treasures to support what they believe in.
7. Is willing to move against the "status quo" in order to do the right thing.

The #1 thing that will bring unity to any organization is not agreement about a vision-document, it is a willingness to submit to the authority over the vision-document. A willingness to submit one's contrary opinion in favor of another's. Jesus' leadership style is **top-down, great faith leadership**. God's delegated authority is on the vision He gives to a man or woman to establish a movement to accomplish His will, advancing His Kingdom. The visionary carries God's delegated authority and if they step out from under the God-given vision, they step out from God's delegated authority.

Yes, the vision has to be written for others to run with it, but if they don't run with a humble, submitted heart, they run in vain for they are puffed up, in pride and selfishness trying to usurp the authority on the vision, thus creating division through a double-vision.

Heb 13:17 *Obey those who rule over you, and be **submissive**, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

*"The **obedience** commanded denotes assenting to someone else's directions and **submission** means yielding one's contrary opinions in favor of another's. The writer does not suggest blind, unquestioning obedience to everything a leader says. The NT teaches the necessity of discernment (1 Jn 4:1), personal accountability to God (Rom 14:12; Gal. 6:5) and mutual submission (Rom 12:10; Gal 5:13; Eph 5:21; Phil 2:3,4). Furthermore, church leaders are not autocratic chiefs who lord it over the congregation, but are servants who exercise authority with concern and care (Rom 12:8; 1 Thess 5:12,13; 1 Tim 3:5; 5:17)." *Foot Notes Spirit Filled Life Bible

Matt 20:25-27 *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, **let him be your servant**. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, **let him be your slave** —* Great faith leadership uses their authority for the concern and care of others, not to rule over them.