# THE GROWING FAITH OF A NOBLEMAN AND HIS HOUSE

## JOHN 4:43-54

1. **FACTORS THAT MADE CHRIST ACCESSIBLE TO A HOUSEHOLD IN CAPERNAUM (4:43-46)**
   1. Rejection By His Own Countrymen (4:43-44)
   2. Reception (At Least On The Surface) By Others (4:45-4:46a)
2. **RECORD OF THE PROGRESS OF FAITH THROUGHOUT A HOUSEHOLD IN CAPERNAUM (4:46-54)**
   1. The Lord Allowed A Crisis To Drive A Certain Nobleman To Himself (4:46-47)
      1. He Had A Son Who Was At The Point Of Death
      2. He Was An Official In The Court Of Herod Antipas
   2. The Lord Put His Finger On The Weakness Of Our Faith (4:48-49)
      1. Men Will Not Believe What They Cannot See
      2. Men Must Be Willing To Receive Christ's Word Alone
      3. Men Nevertheless Remain Fixated On Their Problems (4:49)
   3. The Lord Kills Two Birds With One Stone By Requiring The Nobleman To Believe What He Cannot See (4:50-54)
      1. His Servants Intercepted Him On The Road With A Proclamation Of Good News (4:51)
      2. He Tries To Coordinate The Timing Of The Event (4:52)
      3. His Faith Reached An Even Greater Level And Evidently Influenced His Entire House For Christ (4:53)