

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

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“For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.” - Romans 13:1b



This week, we continue our series called, “Never Forget”. In this lesson, you are going to learn about how a Roman centurion chose to recognize Jesus’ authority.

### Read:

Matthew 8:5-13

### Ask:

- Who came to Jesus with a need? What was the need?
- What did Jesus offer to do?
- What did the centurion say about authority?
- What happened when Jesus said the word for the servant to be healed?

### Say:

God has put people of authority in our lives to help us grow and to keep us on the straight and narrow. I want you to take a moment and write down the names of some of the people in authority in your life. *(allow children to write down about 5-6 names if possible, then read them aloud)* Those are certainly people who are in authority over you. If we want to have the life God has planned for us, we have to honor and obey their authority.

In fact, the most important authority in your life – the one that you NEVER want to resist – is God. His authority is a strong protection from the evil in this world. It is wise to recognize authority, and when you do and you choose to honor that authority, you will be blessed!

### Ask/Discuss:

- What are some ways the authorities in your life can help you?
- What are some ways you recognize and honor authority?

### Pray:

Pray for your child to be wise and recognize the authorities in their life. Pray they will live their whole lives under the protection of authority and choose to honor authority with their words and actions.