[Luke 7.1-10, ESV]

1 After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. 3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.” 6 And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. 8 For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” 10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.
Familiarity is dangerous! It can lead to a laziness in our faith.

Faith is predicated on trust and not understanding.

[Mark 6.1-6, ESV]

1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Take some time to evaluate if your value for Social Media is balanced.
2. Reach out to people in your life with astonishing faith, and spend time with them.

TALK IT THROUGH
1. Who are some unexpected people that you’ve seen become influential in history?
2. What are some situations you’ve experienced that turned out for good?
3. Are you cultivating a public profile more than an intimate relationship with Jesus?
4. How do we lay a hold of God. In other words, how do we “walk by faith, and not by sight?”
5. What are some risks you’ve taken for God that have built your faith?
6. How have you experienced the power of God?
7. Why does the foolishness of those who believe impact those who don’t know God?
8. Will we be the church that causes Jesus to marvel? How can we get there?