

# Less is More

Part 2: Control

Luke 7:1-10

## Launch

If you haven't already, take the Control Freak Quiz (found on page 2). What's your score? Which statement is most true of you?

## Explore

### Read the passage

How and what had the centurion heard about Jesus? (See Luke 4:31-37)

Why didn't the centurion approach Jesus face-to-face? What does that reveal about his character?

Why was Jesus amazed at the centurion's faith?

## Apply

How do you typically handle it when you realize a situation is beyond your control? Why?

What aspect of God's character are you trusting in the most during this dark time? How is that growing your faith?

What is one area of your life that Jesus needs to have more control over?

## Pray

Pray that, like the centurion, we will come to Jesus with amazing faith, trusting in his power and his plan. Pray that we will know God deeply and trust Him deeply.

## Control Freak Quiz

*Read the following seven statements. For each one that's true of you, give yourself one point.*

1. I get upset when someone or something makes me late, when events don't start on time, or things don't go according to plan.
2. I give people a lot of "shoulds" and "oughts"—unsolicited advice, suggestions, and constructive criticism.
3. When the situation seems confusing, I'm the one who takes charge and brings order to the chaos.
4. I dislike depending on others, accepting help from them, or allowing them to do things for me.
5. I "help" other people drive—tell them what route to take, when to turn, where to park, remind them that the traffic light has changed.
6. When watching tv with family, I'm the one with the remote control in hand.
7. When playing board games, I'm the one who picks the game, chooses teams, enforces the rules, and determines the level of fun everyone is having.

### **Score Interpretation:**

6-7: You're super freaky.

4-5: You've got some control issues.

2-3: You can live and let live.

0-1: You're Jesus.