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Passage: John 4:43-54  
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### **John 4:43-54 (CSB)**

<sup>43</sup> After two days he left there for Galilee.<sup>44</sup> (Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) <sup>45</sup> When they entered Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him because they had seen everything he did in Jerusalem during the festival. For they also had gone to the festival.

<sup>46</sup> He went again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a certain royal official whose son was ill at Capernaum.<sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to him and pleaded with him to come down and heal his son, since he was about to die.

<sup>48</sup> Jesus told him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

<sup>49</sup> "Sir," the official said to him, "come down before my boy dies."

<sup>50</sup> "Go," Jesus told him, "your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and departed.

<sup>51</sup> While he was still going down, his servants met him saying that his boy was alive. <sup>52</sup> He asked them at what time he got better. "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him," they answered. <sup>53</sup> The father realized this was the very hour at which Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household.

<sup>54</sup> Now this was also the second sign Jesus performed after he came from Judea to Galilee.

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**Next time you come across a verse or two, or chapter, in the Bible that you don't understand well, stop and pray.**

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Don't let the fact that there are some things you don't understand keep you from pursuing Him more and more.

"COME DOWN before my boy DIES," he says.

Instead Jesus responds with "GO, your son will LIVE."

Jesus speaks to our hearts and whispers to our spirits the things He wants us to do. The question is whether we will obey Him simply by hearing his word, or will we demand a sign in order to believe Him?

Faith is not "all or nothing." Faith has degrees, it grows, and it matures with obedience.

We can start believing in Jesus and following Him with just a small amount of understanding, without having to wait until we know more or have a deeper faith.

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (CSV)

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.