# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

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# **Bible Verse**

#### Hebrews 12:14

14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

## Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the **3rd** Saturday of each month we meet at **10:00 am** at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so deaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the

#### Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 1/29/17

## Greetings!



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Last Sunday, we talked about faith. We saw that faith is having trust or confidence in what we do not see. We said that there are two parts to faith. The first part is believing. We said many Christians believe in God. The second part is trusting and not

so many Christians really trust God.

We looked closely at the story of the Centurion in **Matthew 8** to see that it was not just another story about Jesus healing somebody but an important story about faith.

We looked at **Matthew 8:5-13** verse by verse and saw that the Centurion, an officer in the Roman army, understood authority and he knew without any doubt that if he could speak a word to tell his men to go or come and they go or come then Jesus, having ALL authority, could certainly heal his servant by just speaking the word.

Even though such a thing had never been done before, healing somebody from such a distance, the Centurion had full confidence that Jesus could do it. He also trusted that Jesus was the type of person who would do such a thing. The Centurion, a Gentile, showed more faith than Jesus had ever seen. He showed so much faith that it actually AMAZED Jesus!

We talked about how we tend to put limits on God's power based on our own human experiences. The Centurion's great faith unlocked all of God's unlimited power and his servant was healed just as he expected he would be.

#### The Centurion's Expectation Determined his Experience.

We then looked more at the power of faith in **Matthew 17:20** where Jesus tells His Disciples that faith even as small as a mustard seed can move a mountain or in other words, if you have true faith, NOTHING will be impossible because it is our faith that unlocks God's power.

We said that everything that is needed to become the huge mustard tree is contained inside the tiny mustard seed just as everything that is needed for us to become all that God intends for us to be is already contained in our spirit just waiting to be unlocked by our faith.

We said that just like the Centurion, our expectations of God determine our experience. We receive from God to the same degree that we truly believe in and trust in God.

We said that God is performing miracles all around us every day but we need to expect God's miracles in order to see God's miracles.

Next Sunday we'll be talking about speaking in the authority that you have been given. See you then!

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