

A MESSAGE SERIES  
ABOUT HOW GOD IS NEARER  
TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

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# Nov29 : Christmas at Alor Setar



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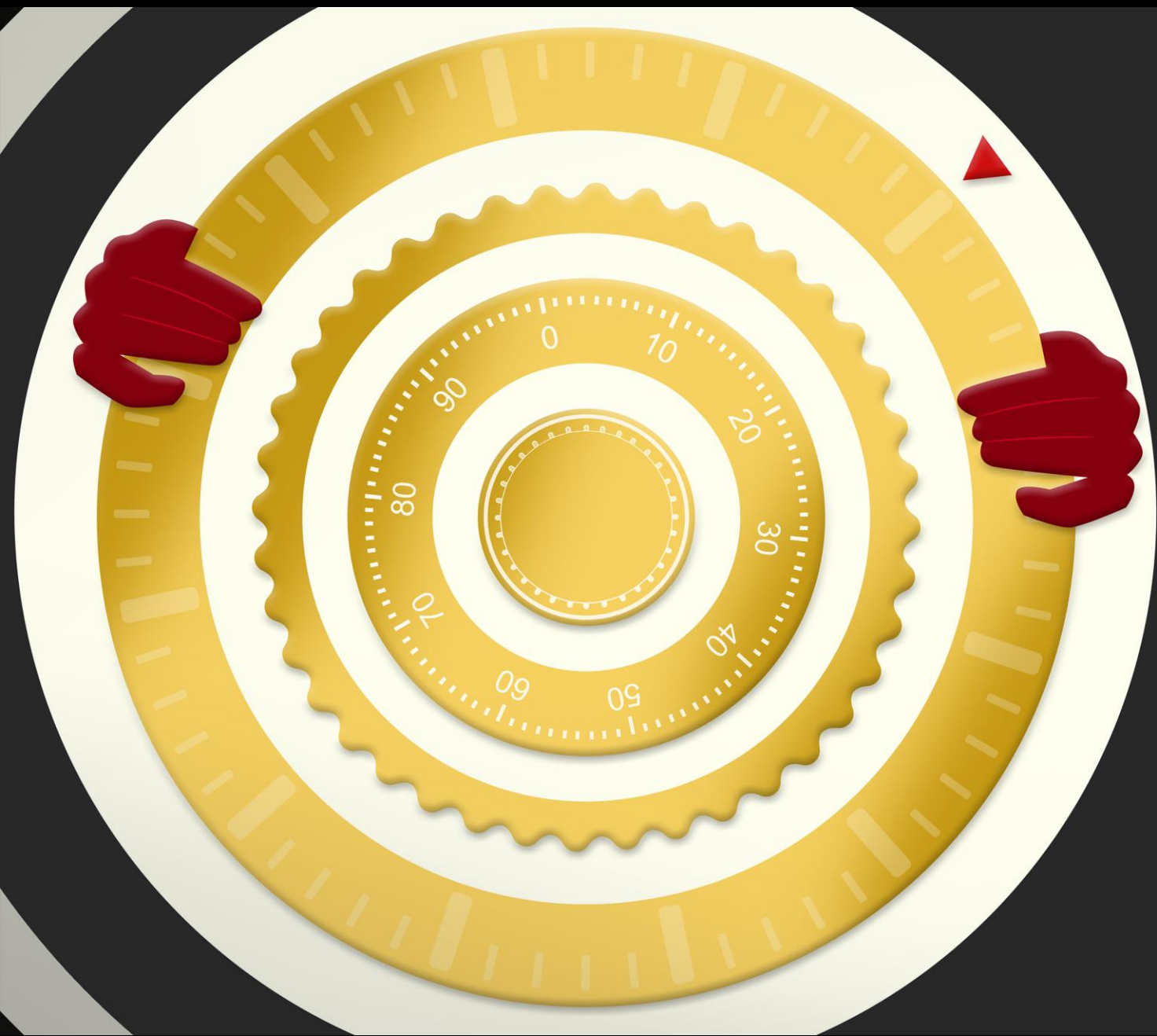
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SG4 & Tropicana2



# Dec16 : Christmas at EN Malaysia Pastoral Lunch





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**GOD IS NEARER  
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**HOW NEAR IS NEAR?  
HOW FAR IS FAR?**



**WHAT IS THE LONGEST  
FURNITURE IN YOUR  
HOUSE?**





**384,000  
km**





**149**  
**million**  
**km**

149,597,870,691m

## ACTS 17:26-27

<sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should **seek God**, and perhaps **feel their way toward him and find him**. Yet he is **actually not far from each one of us**.

A close-up photograph of Roman military armor. At the top, a helmet with a prominent red feathered plume is visible. Below it, various pieces of metal armor, including a breastplate and arm guards, are scattered on a wooden surface. The background is a dark, textured wall.

# JESUS & THE CENTURION

## MATTHEW 8:5-13

5 When he had entered **Capernaum**, a **centurion** came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 “Lord, **my servant is lying paralyzed** at home, **suffering** terribly.” 7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.





# Nazareth to Capernaum

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SO NEAR  
YET SO FAR

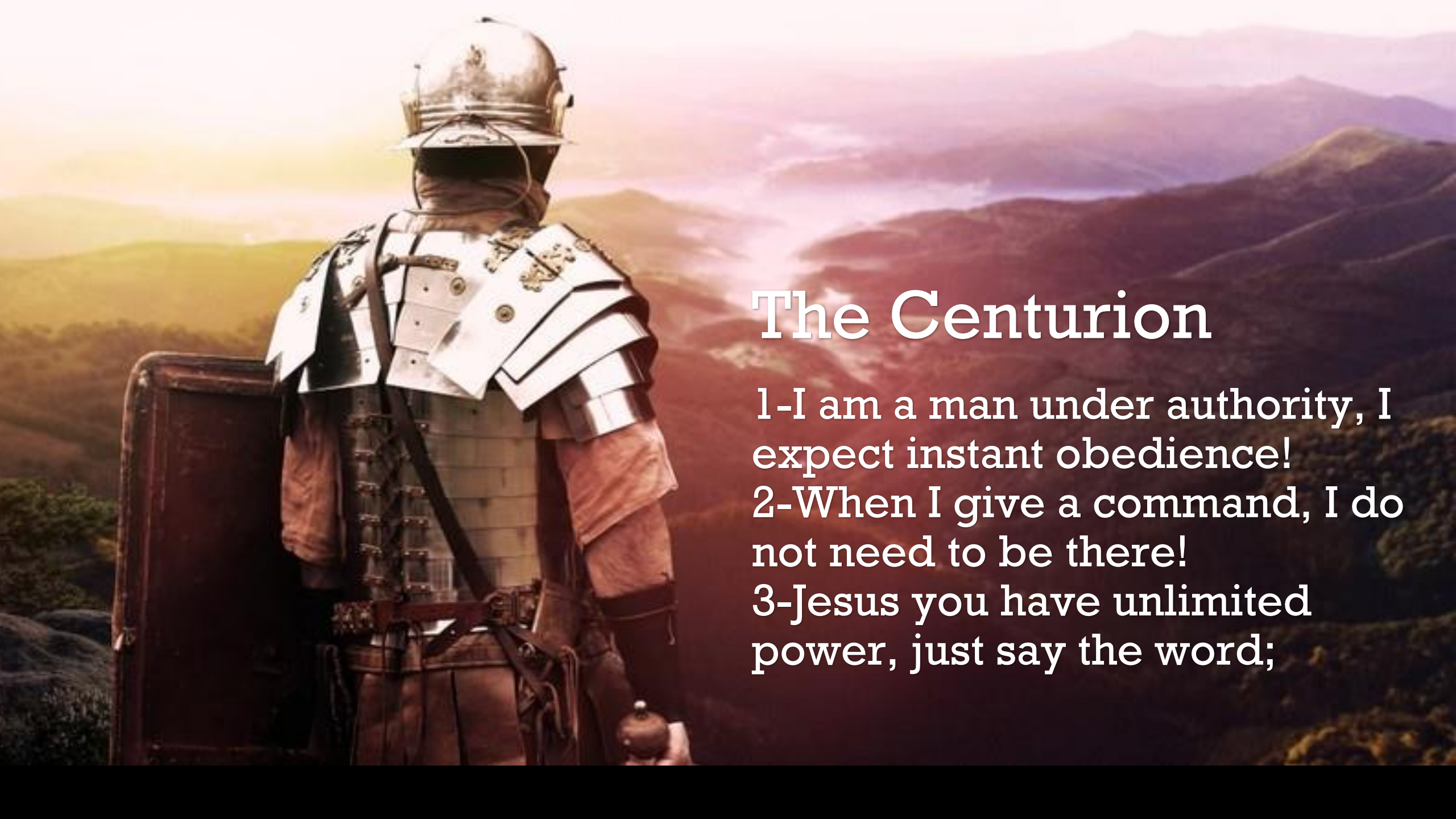
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6 “Lord, **my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering** terribly.” 7 And he said to him, “**I will come and heal him.**”

8 But the **centurion** replied, “**Lord, I am not worthy** to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

**9** *For **I too am a man 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."*



# The Centurion

- 1-I am a man under authority, I expect instant obedience!
- 2-When I give a command, I do not need to be there!
- 3-Jesus you have unlimited power, just say the word;

SO FAR YET  
SO NEAR

#2





**10** When Jesus heard this, he **marveled** and said to those who **followed** him, “Truly, **I tell you**, with **no one in Israel** have I found such faith.

**11 I tell you**, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, **12** while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

EITHER FAR OR NEAR  
JESUS IS HERE

#3



## MATTHEW 8:13

**13** *And to the centurion Jesus said, “**Go**; let it be **done** for you as you have **believed**.” And the servant was **healed** at that very moment.*

WHAT MAKES THE STORY  
SIGNIFICANT THAT  
GOD IS NEAR?



1- IT DOESN'T MATTER  
WHAT YOUR BACK-GROUND IS,  
GOD IS NEAR!

*Matthew 8:6-7*

6 “Lord, **my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering** terribly.”

7 And he said to him, “**I will come and heal him.**”

2- IT DOESN'T MATTER IF  
YOU ARE WORTHY OR NOT,  
GOD IS NEAR!

Matthew 8:8

8 But the **centurion** replied, "**Lord, I am not worthy** to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

3-IT MATTERS WHEN YOU TAKE  
THE CHANCE TO COME BEFORE  
GOD, GOD IS NEAR!

Matthew 8:9

**9** *For I too am a man 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.”*

## MATTHEW 8:10

**10** *When Jesus heard this, he **marveled** and said to those who **followed** him, “Truly, **I tell you**, with **no one in Israel** have I found such faith.*



JAMES 4:8

*“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*