GOSPEL HEALING ACCOUNT #1

The Nobleman's Son

John 4:46-54 (NIV)

- 46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.
- 48 "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."
- 49 The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."
- 50 Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.
- 51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."
- 53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.
- 54 This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

What was the immediate, obvi	ious need?	
Who took the initiative in effe	cting the healing?	
The person in need?	Others?	Jesus?
How was it expressed?		
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8.	What in this narrative led Jesus to minister healing to the person in need?	
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loes esus live.	e reflect, we notice that three times it is recorded, "your son is going to live." The word used here for "live" not just mean physical life, but it means wholeness, the fullness of life that comes through a relationship with . Jesus cures the boy to demonstrate his love, but more importantly, so that the whole family has a chance to "They responded to Jesus' invitation by becoming believers. Now they would "live" because they were in a relationship with him.	
	uniqueness of Jesus' healing ministry is not that he cured people but that he cured them so that they had an ortunity to have life in its fullness.	
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1.	Did Jesus do what the father requested?	
2.	What did Jesus tell the father to do?	
3.	How did the father demonstrate his faith in Jesus?	
4.	When did the healing take place?	
5.	How did Jesus express love, counseling or encouragement?	
6.	How did this healing affect the whole household?	
7.	How can we bring the fullness of Life to people we meet?	
8.	What insight about healing have you received from this account? This week try to describe that insight to another person.	
DIG	GING DEEPER: ANSWERS AND NOTES	
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