

Believing is Seeing

John 4:27—54

True faith rests in the word of Jesus and responds with trust before sight, leading to life and transformation.

Sunday, July 12, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

BELIEF THAT GROWS THROUGH WITNESS & RESPONSE

A. The Awakening: The disciples marvel while the woman leaves her water jar and testifies (vv. 27–30)

B. The Invitation: The woman calls others to come and see the One who knows her fully (v. 29)

C. The Harvest: **Many** Samaritans believe first through testimony, then through Jesus' own word (vv. 39–42)

BELIEF THAT IS TESTED BY DELAY & DISTANCE

A. The Return: Jesus enters Galilee, where familiarity risks dulling true faith (vv. 43–45)

B. The Request: A desperate official pleads for his son's life (v. 47)

C. The Challenge: Jesus exposes a shallow **dependence** on signs instead of trust in His word (v. 48)

BELIEF THAT TRUSTS THE WORD BEFORE SEEING THE RESULT

A. The Plea: The official persists, asking Jesus to come before it is too late (v. 49)

B. The Word: Jesus speaks life with a simple promise, “Your son will live” (v. 50a)

C. The Response: The man believes the word and begins the journey home, discovering the miracle has **already** occurred (vv. 50b–54)

BELIEVE HIS WORD *BEFORE* YOU SEE HIS WORK

Where is God calling you to trust His word right now, even when you cannot yet see the outcome, and what step of obedience will you take this week to act on that trust?

SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK:

Hope for the Hopeless

John 5:1—9