



# The Essential For Life

John 4:43-54

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1. What kinds of experiences have you had with “*signs and wonders*” (i.e. miracles and demonstrations of God’s power)?
2. In what ways can you relate to where this father is coming from?
3. What do you think of Jesus’ response to this father (verse 48)? “*Unless you (plural) see signs and wonders you (plural) will not believe.*”
4. How do you respond when God doesn’t do what you want Him to do?
5. How does Jesus’ response meet the deeper needs of the father?
6. What does the father receive from Jesus?
7. How is this different than what the father was originally asking for?
8. How are the servants effected by this? The household? The son?
9. Have you ever received more from Jesus than you asked for?
10. Compare what Jesus says about signs in verse 48 with what John writes about signs (his theme verse) in John 20:30,31. How do these two passages relate to each other?
11. What does it mean to “believe” in the sense of verse 53 and John 20:31?
12. How might this study change what you pray for?
13. How might this study change how you respond when God answers your prayer?
14. Ultimately, what do you expect of Jesus?