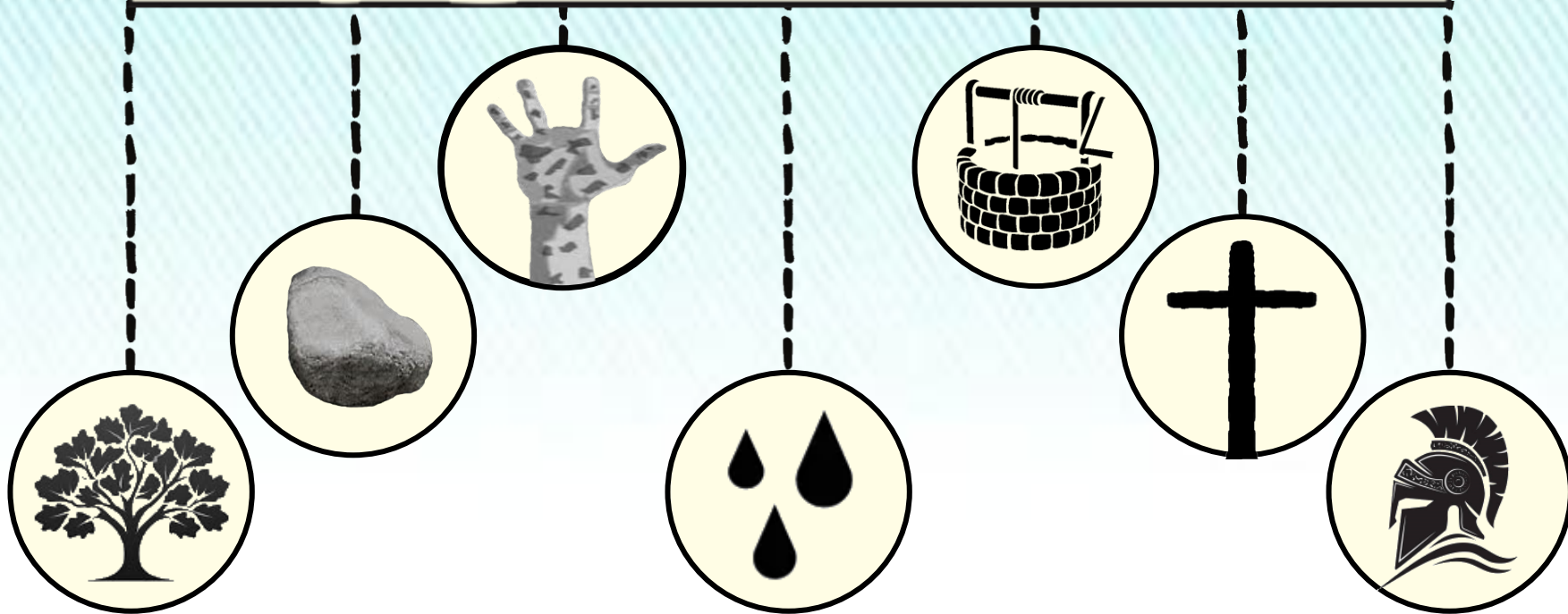


Encounters with Grace



Judges 21:25

Submitting to the **correct
authority** is actually the
ONLY way to be free



The Roman Legion was built off
concepts of submitting to the
chain of command's authority

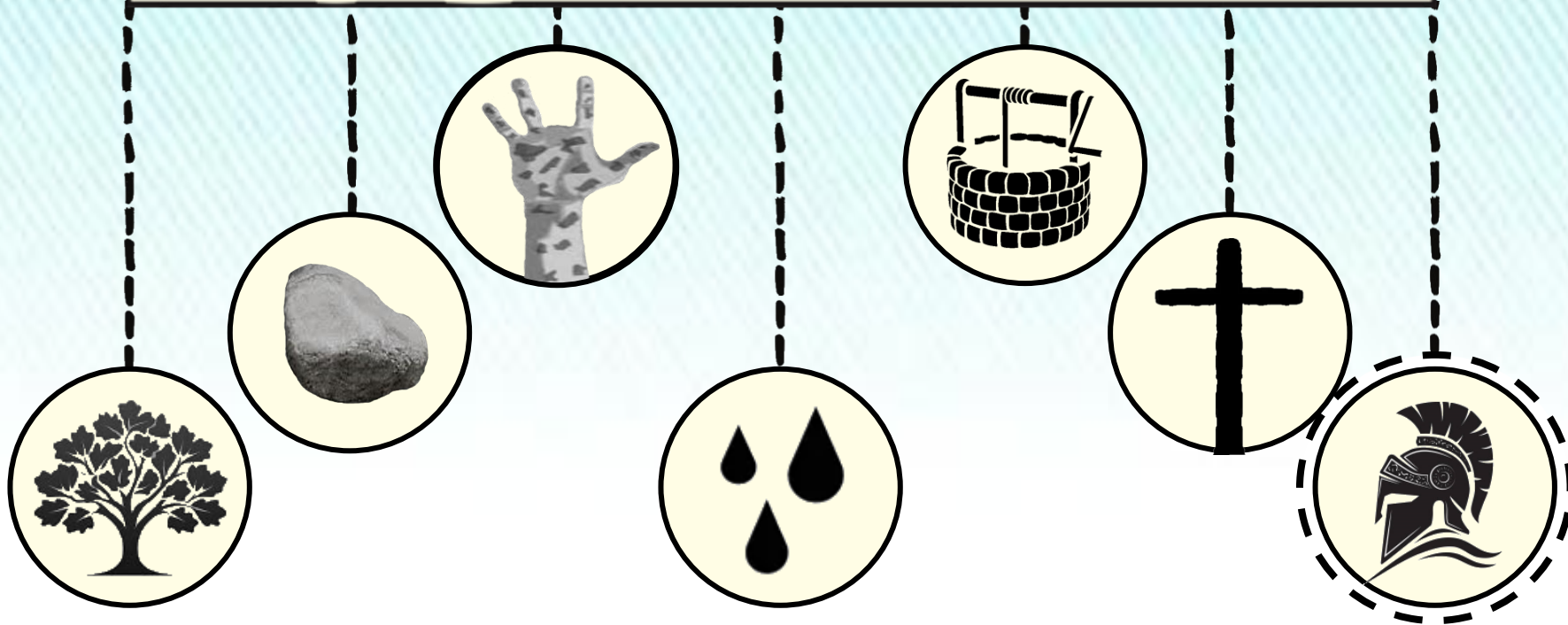


Do we take God's **instructions** and **commands** seriously?

BOTH our **trusting** and **obedience** are strengthened when we look squarely at the sovereign and supreme Source



The Centurion's Servant



Luke 7:1

The **fruit**, which our lives produce,
acts as **evidence** testifying to
what source of authority
we value MOST



The authority we choose to
surrender and **submit** to
needs to be evaluated because
NOT ALL authority is **equal**

Luke 7:2-3



Centurions were responsible for commanding 100 soldiers and part of that responsibility was to oversee **discipline** and **order**



Roman law defined slaves
as **living tools**
(they were considered
personal property)



“Ask” = to plead; **to implore**; to
beg; to make an urgent appeal

Luke 7:4-5



These Jewish elders “**implored**”
(which is written in the
imperfect tense, which means
they begged Jesus
over and over and over again)

Luke 7:6-8



Understanding how **chain of command** works, this centurion simply asks Jesus to give the command to heal



The centurion **willingly**
places himself under
the **authority** of Jesus

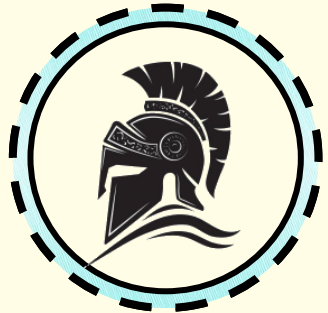
Luke 7:9



Jesus' reputation was ALL
that was NEEDED and this
centurion recognized Jesus'
authority and humbly submitted
himself



ALL OVER Israel Jesus had **looked**
and **searched** for this type of faith,
BUT despite His **looking** and
seeking, He found NONE



Luke 7:10

Matthew 17:19-21

