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John 4:43-54

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- **Notice that the official believed in Jesus’ words—blind faith is not biblical faith.**

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 - **This phrase means “signs that cause wonder” in order to evoke faith.**





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- Both signs were designed to evoke wonder so that they people would believe.**

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- **If you have no ailment to pray for, please pray for my 44 year-old niece, Julie Algeri who's having open-heart surgery on May 24—her condition is very serious.**