



The Water That Heals

2 Kings 5:1-19

3 Obstacles to Naaman's Cleansing and Healing

1. Pride
2. Stubbornness
3. Humility

PRIDE

The Great General - Naaman

◆ **2 Kings 5:1** - Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

The Problem of Pride

- ◆ **Proverbs 26:12** - Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- ◆ **Psalms 10:4** - In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

A Child Leads the Way

◆ **2 Kings 5:2-5** - ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

Receive the Kingdom of God

◆ **Mark 10:13-16** - And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Naaman Travels to Israel

◆ **2 Kings 5(b)-7** - So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

Choosing Jesus

◆ **Matthew 10:34-38** - ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

STUBBORNNESS

The Unexpected Reception

◆ **2 Kings 5:8-11** - ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”

How Obedience Leads to Blessings

1. Obeying God in Small Matters is an essential step in receiving God's Greatest Blessings.
2. Our Obedience Always Benefits Others
3. When We Obey God We Will Never Be Disappointed

The Way Things Ought to Be

2 Kings 5:11-13 - ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”

The Lord's Way

◆ Isaiah 55:8-9:

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**We're At A Point In
Christianity Where People
Don't Care If You Can Back
It Up With Bible. Their
Feelings, Desires, And
Emotions Override What
Scripture Says. They Don't
Follow Christ They Follow
Self.**

Baptism Required for Salvation

- ◆ **Acts 2:38** - ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Mark 16:16** - ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

HUMILITY

Finding the Truth – Submission to the Lord

- ◆ **2 Kings 5:14-15** - ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.”

Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord

- ◆ **Proverbs 29:23** - ²³ One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.
- ◆ **James 4:10** - Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. (NKJV)

Lifestyle and Relationship Change for Naaman

◆ **2 Kings 5:17-19** - ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord. ¹⁸ In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter.” ¹⁹ He said to him, “Go in peace.”