

In Significance

2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-14 Message Bible 1-3 Naaman was general of the army under the king of Aram. He was important to his master, who held him in the highest esteem because it was by him that GOD had given victory to Aram: a truly great man, but afflicted with a grievous skin disease. It so happened that Aram, on one of its raiding expeditions against Israel, captured a young girl who became a maid to Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease."

⁹ So Naaman with his horses and chariots arrived in style and stopped at Elisha's door.

¹⁰ Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this message: "Go to the River Jordan and immerse yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and you'll be as good as new."

¹¹⁻¹² Naaman lost his temper. He spun around saying, "I thought he'd personally come out and meet me, call on the name of GOD, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and get rid of the disease. The Damascus rivers, Abana and Pharpar, are cleaner by far than any of the rivers in Israel. Why not bathe in them? I'd at least get clean." He stomped off, mad as a hornet.

¹³ But his servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean'?"

¹⁴ So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He was as good as new.

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Naaman means "beautiful" or "pleasant"

Leprosy is a disease that everybody can see.

When the Bible talks about leprosy, it is always a symbol of sin.

Like Leprosy, There Is no man-made cure for sin

All of Naaman's successes were eclipsed by this horrible disease he had.

The same is true today, we may have multiple successes in our life, but one big failure will eclipse them all.

The biggest failure with which man has to deal is the problem of sin, and everyone has this problem

Romans 3:23 NLT - ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Sin separates us from God

Isaiah 59:2 NLT It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Without treatment, we will surely die

Romans 6:23 NLT - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

No matter your title, or your position, or your accomplishments, we have all been infected with the disease of sin.

**Something
Is
Not Right.**

Something is not right between me and God. His design for me, His plan for me, His picture of me does not line up with what I see in the mirror.

Sin is like leprosy:

1. Sin eats away at you causing you to lose parts of who you really are.
2. You can not give the world best parts of you and think you will get a better return on your significance.

Matthew 16:25 – NLT

²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

1. God knows who you are.
2. God doesn't make mistakes and He made you.
3. What we do for God should make His name famous, not ours.

2 Kings 5:3 - "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease."

Sometimes, the ones we hurt have more love for us than the ones who give us likes.

1. Availability
2. Reliability
3. Flexibility

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2 Kings 5:10 - ¹⁰ Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this message: "Go to the River Jordan and immerse yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and you'll be as good as new."

You can't get something from everyone God sends your way, but you can give to everyone God sends your way.

2 Kings 5:11 - Naaman lost his temper. He spun around saying, "I thought he'd personally come out and meet me, call on the name of GOD, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and get rid of the disease.

You have to be desperate before the good news will be good to you.

Naaman wanted to do what was convenient but not what was crucial.