PRESS THE EASY BUTTON

2 Kings 5:1-27

(1) Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper.

A) Great – Honorable – The LORD gave him victories – Mighty Man of Valor:

BUT A LEPER

(2) And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back **captive a young girl** from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife.
(3) Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! **For he would heal him** of his leprosy."

A) This slave girl could have been bitter, but her situation did not stop her from being a witness. God uses ordinary, overlooked people. Your hard place may be your mission field.

(4) And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." (5) Then the **king of Syria said, "Go now**, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him **ten talents** of silver, **six thousand shekels** of gold, and **ten changes of clothing**. (6) Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, **that you may heal him of his leprosy**. (7) And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."

A) Namaan says the slave girl directs him to the prophet, but the king sends him a letter to another king with a treasure - He took 10 Talents of Silver – 6,000 Shekels of Gold, 10 changes of clothing. $9.4 Million

We need to watch out people are not trying to use their influence, their money, or whatever it is to direct us away from God.

(8) So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, **"Why have you torn your clothes?** Please **let him come to me,** and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

A) Joram was the son of Ahab and Jezebel. Elisha did not like him and could have made him sweat.

Elisha asks why you act like there is no hope? Elisha did not let his hatred of Joram to hinder him. Elisha's desire to glorify God was greater than his hatred for Joram. "Then they will know there is a prophet in Israel."

(9) Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and **he 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 to you, and you shall be clean." (EASY)

(11) But Naaman **became furious**, and **went away** and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.'

(12) Are not the Abanah and the 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.**

A) Pride will stop us from becoming clean and whole.

James 4:6 - (6) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

(13) And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you **to do something great**, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, **'Wash, and be clean'?"**

(14) So he went down and **dipped seven times** in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and **his flesh was restored** like the flesh of a little child, and **he was clean.**

(15) And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, **now I know** that there is no God in all the earth, **except in Israel;** now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

(16) But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, **I will receive nothing.**" And he urged him to take it, but he refused. (17) So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant **be given two mule-loads of earth;** for your servant will **no longer offer** either burnt offering or sacrifice **to other gods,** but to the LORD. (18) Yet in this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of

Rimmon, may the LORD please pardon your servant in this thing." (19) Then he said to him, **"Go in peace."** So he departed from him a short distance.

SIN OF GEHAZI

Don't let people rob you of the blessings and joy of the Lord. The salvation that God has given to you is free and available for you but there will always be people who will try to rob you of the blessings and joy of the Lord.