

Stories of Desperation: Naaman

2 Kings 5

“Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and (he was) highly regarded.”

2 Kings 5:1

Four Degrees of Desperation:

- **Degree 1: An acknowledgement of helplessness.**

“She said to her mistress, ‘If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’” 2 Kings 5:3

- **Degree 2: An openness to godly counsel.**

- **Degree 3: A willingness to ask for help.**

“But Naaman became angry and stalked away and said. ‘I thought he would certainly come out to meet me! and to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me!’” 2 Kings 5:11

- **Degree 4: A readiness to obey God.**

“He went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.” 2 Kings 5:14