THE GIRL WHO LOVED HER CAPTORS

Love Without Fences · 2 Kings 5:1-15

Take her out, and what happens? Naaman dies as a leper and an idolater.

Introduction: Why the Fences Come Down

Week 1: the clock called opportunity. Week 2: room for the stranger. This week: love without fences is how the lost get _____.

Love is not a substitute for the gospel. The love itself is _____. It is often the opening move.

I. The Rights She Had (5:1-2)

v. 1	"The man was also a valiant warrior, but he was a _____."
v. 2	"had taken _____ a little girl from the land of Israel"

If anyone had the _____ to build a fence, it was this girl. She had the reason, the pain and the material. But she built _____.

II. The Sentence That Saved a General (5:3)

"I _____ that my master were with the _____ who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

She wanted something FOR him, not FROM him. That is love.

Her love has an _____. Kindness that never points toward God stops short of what a person needs most.

She had no platform. To put it in our language, she had a _____, and God used it.

What survived? Her _____ survived. A faith that survives suffering may be the faith another person needs to see.

somebody's _____ may be standing on the other side of your fence.

III. The Fences Naaman Nearly Kept (5:10-14)

v. 10	"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times" — simple, and the cleansing could not be purchased
v. 11	"Behold, I _____" — Naaman had already written the story in his mind
v. 13	"My _____, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it?"

The hard-to-love are often _____. Pride, pain or suspicion can armor the heart. Speak truth with love that helps a person hear.

Cleansed through _____ to the word of God (v. 14).

We have our own _____ back home. We have our own version of "Behold, I thought."

IV. The Confession (5:15-16)

"there is no God in all the earth, but in _____" — an enemy commander confessing the God of Israel.

God's cleansing was not for _____. Naaman could not purchase grace.

The chain: a captive girl pointed · Elisha gave the word freely · servants reasoned with an angry man · an enemy confessed God. Her link came _____ and cost the most.

V. Look to Jesus (Luke 4:27-28)

The synagogue at Nazareth was "filled with _____" (v. 28). They admired Jesus until His words confronted their fence.

"while we were _____ we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10).

Naaman said, "Behold, I thought." Saul said, "I thought to myself" (Acts 26:9). Both followed their own plan, and God showed mercy to both.

"among whom I am _____ of all" (1 Timothy 1:15).

We need to see ourselves as _____ before we see ourselves as the girl. We were enemies, and we were loved anyway.

VI. Who Is Your Naaman? (the work this week)

1	Name your Aram. Do not leave this lesson with "people." Love begins with a _____.
2	Desire something FOR that person, then act: one kindness or one honest prayer for that person's good.
3	Keep a _____ ready. Hers pointed Naaman toward God. Yours can too.

Do not put a name on a hopeless list. Some people have not been reached _____.

"Get up and be baptized, and _____ away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16).

take the _____ down and say it.