**NEW SERIES: WORDS OF WISDOM** 

# GOD HEALS IN DIFFERENT WAYS

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We've all dealt with a serious illness, either personally or someone close to us!

#### II Kings 5:1 (NLT)

The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

#### **FAITH** is an important aspect of **HEALING**

#### **II Kings 5:7-8** (NLT)

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in dismay and said, "This man sends me a leper to heal! Am I God, that I can give life and take it away? I can see that he's just trying to pick a fight with me." But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: "Why are you so upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will learn that there is a true prophet here in Israel."

#### **II Kings 5:9-10** (NLT)

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."

#### **II Kings 5:11** (NLT)

But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me!"



#### Naaman's barrier to healing was not FAITH...it was PRIDE!

#### **II Kings 5:12-13** (NLT)

"Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage. But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!"

#### We often make things **MORE DIFFICULT** than we need to!

#### **II Kings 5:14** (NLT)

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child's, and he was healed!

## God uses different methods to heal us, <u>HUMILITY</u> leaves the method up to Him.

- Supernaturally
- Our bodies design
- Through medicine (People, Knowledge, treatments)

#### **II Kings 5:17** (NLT)

Then Naaman said, "All right, but please allow me to load two of my mules with earth from this place, and I will take it back home with me. From now on I will never again offer burnt offerings or sacrifices to any other god except the LORD."

### **GOD** offers us the greatest **HEALING!**

#### **NEXT WEEK: YOUR PAST DOESN'T DEFINE YOUR FUTURE**

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