## Naaman's Dilemma You Don't Have To Like It, (Trust) You Just Gotta Do It! (Obey)

2 Kings 5:9-11

**2 Kings 5:9** So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

**10** And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

**11** But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

- So often we realize a need in our life
  - a need for something bigger than we are
  - $\circ$  a need for something to fix what we cannot
  - a need to watch our past get wiped away
  - a need for something clean and good

- We hear how we might find what it is we need but...
  - o It doesn't make sense
  - Or we find what must be done too degrading
  - We don't want to admit we are the problem
  - We don't want to humble ourselves
  - We don't want to actually change, we just want our circumstance to change
- We think God should just poof us with holy powder and send us on our way
  - The problem with this type of "help" from God is that there is not a change in our perspective or directive
- We seem to miss the fact that the work is the Lord's, and ours is but to trust and obey in humility
- You heard the Lord could help, so ask
  - 2Kings 5:3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

**5:8** And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying,

Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

- You heard what the Lord said, so trust
  - 2Kings 5:11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

**12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

## • You heard when the Lord re-assured, so do

 2Kings 5:13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

**14** Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again

like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

## • You know the Lord's been good, so rejoice!

 2Kings 5:15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

**17** And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD

- Naaman's Dilemma is something we all have struggles with
  - o If you don't know Jesus...
    - Your sins are destroying your life
    - You need to something to take away that sin
    - Only Jesus can do this
    - He doesn't ask you to climb a mountain

- He doesn't ask you to give to 100,000 poor people
- He doesn't ask you to wear just the right clothes or walk this way or that way
- He only ask that you trust that He is enough
- That He alone is enough and nothing else ever will be
- He wants you to trust that when He cleans you, you WILL be clean from all your sin
- Past, present, future
- Trust He is enough, Obey by getting ALL IN
- Be baptized by the Holy Spirit today!
- o If you do know Jesus...
  - When we give in to sin, it destroys our lives
  - Jesus paid for them...His works were enough when we got saved, they are enough to keep us from sin
  - That sin is hurting your walk with Jesus
  - That sin is keeping others from seeing your walk with Jesus
  - You need something to clean you
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- You might be thinking...does this mean I have to get saved again?
  - Remember, Christ's work is complete
  - It's not getting saved again, it's just getting back into the only thing that makes us clean
  - He is faithful and just, He is forgiving and kind, He is and always will be
  - We simply must be humble and repent
  - Then just get all in
- o It really shouldn't be a dilemma
  - There is no faltering between two choices...Jesus is the only choice