

## **Naaman's cleansing in the waters of the river Jordan:**

READ: (2 Kings 5:1-18)

Water is essential to life as we all know, but we still need to be thirsty for the One who is the water of life Himself.

Before we look at the way water would ultimately shape Naaman's life **SHARE** your own story of **HOW**, **WHERE** or **WHEN** water may have been a blessing to you.

**Q.** This story is full of surprises, but **WHAT** surprises you most in this chapter and **WHY** is it such a surprise do you think?

Is it the servant girl's faith?

Is it Naaman's reactions to his servants?

Is it Elisha's reception of Naaman?

Is it Naaman's reaction to Elisha's instructions?

Is it God's grace to Naaman?

Is it Naaman's response to God's grace through Elisha?

Is it Elisha's refusal of gifts, Gehazi's desire to get them, or God's judgment on him for his deception to get them?

If as God often does, He meets us not at our highest point, but at our lowest point, and often reveals Himself not in our strength, but in our weakness.

**Q.** **HOW** does this apply to Naaman, and **WHAT** might we be encouraged with in our own lives in knowing this?

**Q.** What weakness has God given you to either reveal or to maintain your need for Him? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

- Q.** WHAT did Naaman expect Elisha to do for him that differed from HOW God had planned it for him?
- Q.** Instead of looking for God, Naaman was just looking for a cure for his leprosy. WHAT are we most prone to look for from God over or instead of knowing him?
- Q.** In God's kingdom, the insignificant often takes centre stage. HOW does the servant girl in the story picture this and HOW does she live out God's instructions to the exiles, given years later in (Jeremiah 29:4-7)?
- Q.** WHAT role does each person play in pointing Naaman to God and HOW might this help us in our witnessing?

By the end of the chapter, Naaman has turned from his gods, put his faith in Yahweh, and displays a true and almost shocking transformation of character.

- Q.** HOW is this a picture of the gospel?
- Q.** WHAT did Naaman need to do that healed him of his leprosy that that all need to do to be saved from sin?
- Q.** HOW does water play a part in the Christians life?  
(Acts 2:41 and Acts 8:36)

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