

Evangelism and Naaman

2 Kings 5

Introduction

- Romans 15:4; 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Naaman's problem is leprosy. 5:1
 - Leviticus 13:1-3, 8; Luke 17:11-13
 - There was no human cure! 2 Kings 5:9

Captive Girl

- 2 Kings 5:2, 3
- She makes initial contact despite having several reasons to not speak out.
- Sometimes those we think of as the “least” are the most able.
- Andrew. John 1:40-42
- If *all* we do is bring someone to Christ we have done a great work.

Elisha

- Lessons from Elisha the teacher:
 - Did not appeal to Naaman's pride.
 - Told Naaman what he *needed* to hear, not what he *wanted* to hear.
 - Worked to call as little attention to himself as possible. 1 Peter 4:11
- Elisha: A great teacher for all who teach!

Naaman's Servants

- 2 Kings 5:13
- Naaman's servants did not sympathize with him, but persuaded him to act.
- NT example: Barnabas, the son of encouragement. Acts 11:21-23
- All 3 roles are important but none could heal Naaman of his leprosy.

The Grace of God

- 2 Kings 5:14
- Did Naaman earn his healing? No.
- Naaman was healed by the grace of God.
- Observations about the grace of God:
 - Does not rule out instructions.
 - Does not rule out obedience.
 - Does not rule out strict obedience.

Naaman

- Despite being a man of authority, Naaman listened to a captive girl, went to Elisha the prophet, and listened to his servants.
- Naaman is a changed man.
- 2 Kings 5:15

Conclusion

- Where am I in this story?
- Am I the one who makes initial contact? The teacher? The persuader?
- Maybe I am the one who needs to change.
- God offers the solution to rid your life of spiritual leprosy.