

Day 1

God is Still at Work

1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. 2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" 8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." (2 Kings 5:1-8)

No matter what you are going through, God is still at work, even if it doesn't feel like it. Naaman was a highly regarded commander, but he had a problem, a "permanent problem". There was no cure for leprosy at the time, so Naaman was without hope until he heard about the man of God. The King of Israel also had a problem. He thought the King of Aram was provoking him because he didn't know about the power of God.

We may have a problem today, one we think is hopeless. But when we turn to Jesus, He has the answer to our "permanent problem."

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9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. (2 Kings 5:9-14)

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1.) You must be obedient to see an answer to your prayers.

Naaman came to God with an agenda. He wanted God to heal him and to do it in his way. When that didn't happen he became angry and was ready to leave without the healing. When we come to God, we must come humbly and without presupposition. We can't tell God what we want Him to do and expect him to put his rubber stamp on it.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:3)

When we come to God are we coming with the right motives? Is there something God has asked you to do, that you haven't done? We won't see our prayers answered if we aren't being obedient to what He's already asked us to do.

Is there something that you've been praying for? Have you been faithful to what He's already called you to do?

Day 3

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There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28)

2.) We are all equal before God

12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom 10:12-13)

God is above all, and before God we are all equally valuable to Him. God loves us all no matter what we've done, haven't done, or will do in the future.

3.) God doesn't need your position/power

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Rom 13:1)

God doesn't need your position or power to accomplish His plan. He is the one who has given you your position or power and He is able to work through you, or in spite of you.

In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that He channels toward all who please him. (Prov 21:1)

God doesn't need our position or power, but God loves to use His people. He has put you in your position for a purpose. Our pastors and leaders have been placed in authority for a purpose. Pray for them that they may fulfill God's purpose for them and encourage them whenever you can.

Are you letting God work through you? If so, he can bless you in a mighty way.

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4.) Until you surrender, you will never see a miracle.

Until Naaman surrendered his will to the will of God, he didn't see his miracle.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

(Rom 12:1)

If God can heal Naaman, God can take us through whatever we face. Surrender to Jesus, He can heal any disease. If you are a Christian, God has already healed you from your worst disease, the disease of sin. When Jesus fixed our sin problem, He fixed it once and for all. But if you don't know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, you need to surrender your life to Him so that He can perform a miracle. He can transpose His righteousness and your sin so that you can be called a Child of God. But the first step is obedience through surrender.

Do you come to church thinking God needs you? Bow to Christ's authority. Have you surrendered your life to God? Have you surrendered your will in your current situation and accepted God's will, whatever it is? Pray for God's strength to help you surrender.

Day 5

Better than Gold

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (Acts 3:1-10)

1.) Prayer equals success

When the lame man saw Peter and John, he asked them for money. Prayer is our power and our strength. Prayer is the only way we can succeed, because when we pray, we are asking for God’s involvement in our situation and our life. If the lame man had never asked Peter to meet his need, he would never have seen a miracle.

2.) Give Jesus your attention

Peter said “Look at us!” When we give God our attention, we will see Him. God invites us to look to Him and when we do, we can see the face of Jesus.

Jesus invites us to cry out to Him and to look to Him for help. And when we turn our attention to Him, He can bless us with more than we could ever dream or imagine.

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3.) You need fellowship to grow

God created us for community. We need to be involved in fellowship with other believers to grow. Notice that the lame man had to be carried to the gate where he had an encounter with God. Sometime we too need to be dragged to church by our brothers and sisters in Christ. We need their encouragement and fellowship; we need their help to grow and live the Christian life God has called us to.

4.) You will never be the same after meeting Christ

After the man had an encounter with the power of God, he was never the same. He was jumping and praising God. When we have an encounter with Jesus, we too will never be the same. People will notice the difference in us.

Have you had an encounter with Jesus? If so you will never be the same. Make Jesus known to those around you. Every day we encounter those crying out for help and while we may not have what they are asking for, we can point them to what they need; Jesus. Jesus has given us a duty to share the gospel with those around us, but this duty comes with a warning. Jesus is coming as a judge and we as Christians will be judged according to what we've done with what we've been given. Our opportunities, our resources, our words... Have we used these to make Jesus known?