

Times Two pt9 – 7 Dips in the Healing Power of God

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[2Ki 5:1-14 NASB95] 1 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, [but he was] a leper. 2 Now the Arameans had gone out in bands and had taken captive a little girl from the land of Israel; and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy." 4 Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand [shekels] of gold and ten changes of clothes. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending [word] to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But consider now, and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me." 8 It happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent [word] to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and [you will] be clean." 11 But Naaman was furious 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 wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.' 12 "Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you [to do some] great thing, would you not have done [it?]? How much more [then,] when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped [himself] seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.

- The power of God exists in many different forms. One of the forms is to heal.
- [Luk 5:17 NASB95] 17 One day He was teaching; and there were [some] Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting [there,] who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and [from] Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was [present] for Him to perform healing.

What can we learn about the healing power of God from 2 Kings 5?

Here are 7 truths about the healing power of God from 2 Kings 5.

- I. He was a leper v. 1 – we all have issues that need the healing power of God.**
 - a. Guzik - Naaman had a lot going for him, but what he had against him was devastating. He was a leper, which meant that he had a horrible, incurable disease that would slowly result in his death.
 - b. Acknowledge your need for God.
- II. A little maid's report. V. 2-4 – we must be willing to tell and listen to experience the healing power of God.**
 - a. She told him. He finally listened.
 - b. [Rom 10:14-17 NASB95] 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they

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hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" 16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" 17 So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

c. Sometimes, you are the speaker. Sometimes, you are the hearer. Be willing to do both.

III. King sent Naaman to the wrong person v. 5-7 – we must pursue the right options to operate in the healing power of God.

a. An estimate of over \$1.2 million.

b. [Mar 5:25-28 NASB95] 25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind [Him] and touched His cloak. 28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."

c. Frustration comes when you are looking in all the wrong places.

IV. God had the answer. V. 8-10 – we must go to God to see the healing power of God.

a. He should have gone to the prophet in the first place.

b. [Jas 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

c. God is not the last resort; he is the first response.

V. God's answer requires v. 10: we must humbly obey in faith to see the healing power of God.

a. Jordan – Muddy – it was impossible to give credit to human or natural means. "Healing came miraculously by the grace and power of God through the word of His Prophet."

b. It will often require

i. Faith

ii. Humility

iii. Obedience

VI. It is your choice v. 11-13 believe or obey – your choice to obey enhances your experience of the healing power of God.

a. You do not always get to choose how the miracle will come. Sometimes, you will get to choose. Sometimes, you will not get to choose.

b. Pursue all the Biblical ways to get your miracle.

VII. Receive your miracle v. 14 – your miracle will come by the healing power of God.

- **God wants you to experience the healing power of God that comes through faith, humility, and obedience when you acknowledge your need for Him and go to Him instead of pursuing the wrong options.**