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IMAGINE THE POWER



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Session 3

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This Week's Sermon exposit 2 Kings 6:1-23

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Context

2 Kings 5 unfolds during the period of divided kingdoms, when Israel and Aram (Syria) experienced intermittent conflict and uneasy peace. Naaman, commander of Aram's army, represented both military strength and political influence, yet his leprosy rendered him ceremonially unclean and socially vulnerable. Israel, though spiritually compromised, still possessed the prophetic word through Elisha, successor of Elijah. The presence of a captive Israelite girl in Naaman's household highlights the aftermath of raids and exile. The Jordan River, central to Israel's identity, symbolized God's covenant dealings. This narrative demonstrates that the God of Israel is not territorial but sovereign over all nations.

The Big Idea of the Text

Naaman humbled himself, obeyed God's word through Elisha, was cleansed, while Gehazi's greed brought judgment upon himself.

Connecting the Session to the Sermon

Both passages reveal the unseen power and mercy of God working through Elisha in tangible, surprising ways. In 2 Kings 5, God healed a foreign military leader, demonstrating grace beyond Israel. In 2 Kings 6:1–23, God preserved His people through miraculous provision (the floating axe head) and supernatural protection (the blinding of the Aramean army). Each account emphasizes that God’s power is not limited by circumstance—whether disease, scarcity, or military threat. Both passages also contrast spiritual sight and blindness: Naaman moved from pride to faith, while in chapter 6 the servant’s eyes were opened to see heavenly armies, and the Arameans were struck with blindness. Together, they underscore God’s authority, mercy, and the necessity of trusting His revealed word.

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Biblical Text (CSB) - 2 Kings 5:1-27

Naaman, commander of the army for the king of Aram, was a man important to his master and highly regarded because through him, the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was a valiant warrior, but he had a skin disease. ² Aram had gone on raids and brought back from the land of Israel a young girl who served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria, he would cure him of his skin disease."

⁴ So Naaman went and told his master what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ Therefore, the king of Aram said, "Go, and I will send a letter with you to the king of Israel."

So he went and took with him 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, and it read:

When this letter comes to you, note that I have sent you my servant Naaman for you to cure him of his skin disease.

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and asked, "Am I God, killing and giving life, that this man expects me to cure a man of his skin disease? Recognize that he is only picking a fight with me."

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king: "Why have you torn your clothes? Have him come to me, and he will know there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.

¹⁰ Then Elisha sent him a messenger, who said, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan and your skin will be restored and you will be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman got angry and left, saying, "I was telling myself: He will surely come out, stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the skin disease. ¹² Aren't Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and left in a rage.

¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more should you do it when he only tells you, 'Wash and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, according to the command of the man of God. Then his skin was restored and became like the skin of a small boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and his whole company went back to the man of God, stood before him, and declared, "I know there's no God in the whole world except in Israel. Therefore, please accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶ But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not accept it." Naaman urged him to accept it, but he refused.

¹⁷ Naaman responded, "If not, please let your servant be given as much soil as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will no longer offer a burnt offering or a sacrifice to any other god but the Lord. ¹⁸ However, in a particular matter may the Lord pardon your servant: When my master, the king of Aram, goes into the temple of Rimmon to bow in worship while he is leaning on my arm, and I have to bow in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant in this matter."

¹⁹ So he said to him, "Go in peace."

After Naaman had traveled a short distance from Elisha, ²⁰ Gehazi, the attendant of Elisha the man of God, thought, "My master has let this Aramean Naaman off lightly by not accepting from him what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹ So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and asked, "Is everything all right?"

²² Gehazi said, "It's all right. My master has sent me to say, 'I have just now discovered that two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them seventy-five pounds of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

²³ But Naaman insisted, "Please, accept one hundred fifty pounds." He urged Gehazi and then packed one hundred fifty pounds of silver in two bags with two sets of clothing. Naaman gave them to two of his attendants who carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the gifts from them and deposited them in the house. Then he dismissed the men, and they left.

²⁵ Gehazi came and stood by his master. "Where did you go, Gehazi?" Elisha asked him.

He replied, "Your servant didn't go anywhere."

²⁶ "And my heart didn't go when the man got down from his chariot to meet you," Elisha said. "Is this a time to accept silver and clothing, olive orchards and vineyards, flocks and herds, and male and female slaves? ²⁷ Therefore, Naaman's skin disease will cling to you and your descendants forever." So Gehazi went out from his presence diseased, resembling snow.

Applying Our Lives to the Text

- In verses 1-5, how did Naaman's status contrast with his condition, and what does the servant girl's testimony reveal about faith in difficult circumstances?
- In verses 6-8, why did the king of Israel react with fear, and how did Elisha's response redirect attention toward God's prophetic authority?
- In verses 9-12, what expectations did Naaman bring regarding healing, and how did his anger expose assumptions about how God should work?
- In verses 13-14, how did Naaman's servants counsel him, and what role did humility and obedience play in receiving God's cleansing?
- In verses 15-19, how did Naaman's confession demonstrate true faith, and what does his request about worship reveal about his understanding of the Lord?
- In verses 20-27, how did Gehazi's actions contrast with Elisha's integrity, and what does his judgment teach about greed and misrepresenting God's grace?



The Takeaway: So What Church?

We will humble ourselves before God's word rather than demanding He act according to our expectations. We will reject greed and guard integrity in ministry, recognizing that God's grace is not for personal gain. We will trust that cleansing comes through obedient faith, not human merit. This passage foreshadows Jesus, who cleanses the spiritually unclean just as Naaman was physically cleansed. Like Naaman, we come as outsiders needing mercy, and Christ provides full restoration through His word. Gehazi's judgment reminds us that mishandling grace leads to condemnation, while Christ offers true healing freely.

For Parents:

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Naaman was a strong soldier, but he had a sickness he couldn't fix. God used a simple instruction—washing in the Jordan—to heal him, but only after he chose to obey. That shows us something important. God often works in ways that seem small, but they require trust. Later, Jesus would come and heal people, even those everyone else avoided, just like Naaman. But Jesus didn't just heal bodies—He cleansed hearts from sin. Gehazi tried to take something that wasn't his, and it brought trouble. So we learn to trust God's way and receive His grace honestly, because Jesus gives what we truly need.

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