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Why?

Relationship

&

Representation

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Arrival vs. Abiding

&

Information vs. Transformation

Draw the Circle

The 40 day Prayer challenge



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Day 15 (Contend for me)

“Prayer is the difference between you fighting for God and God fighting for you”

Day 16 (Lord Surprise Me)

“God Always has a Holy Surprise up His Sleeve”

Day 17 (Do not Delay)

“God is never early. God is never Late. God is always on time”

Day 18 (Keep Circling)

“If you don't get out of the boat you will never walk on water.”



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Day 19 (Memorial Offering)

“Our prayers don’t die when we do, God answers them forever”

Day 20 (Go. Set. Ready)

“If you are looking for excuses, you will always find one.”

Day 21 (Set your Foot)

“God is not a genie in the bottle, and your wishes is not His command. His command better be your wish.”



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Crazy Faith:

Three stories,

Three bold moves,

Three bold prayers answered!



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Bold Prayers:

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Simple Faith:

22 But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice...”

1 Sam 15:22



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2 Kings 5:1-19

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," ...



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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.



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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. **15** Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.



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1. Who Gave you your next Breath?

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(1) His position. He was “captain of the army of the King of Aram.” This means he was the General of the Syrian or the Aramean Army, second in command to the King. He was a man of great authority and position.

(2) His popularity and prestige. This is noted in the words, “a great man with his master, and highly respected . . .” Here was a popular man. A war hero!

...but he had leprosy.



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Leprosy & Sin

They saw portions of their bodies become numb, muscles atrophy (waste away), tendons contract making the hands like claws, and then the ulceration of the fingers and toes and hands and feet resulting in their loss bit by bit until the whole hand or foot was gone.

Sin & Leprosy

Look at the picture God wants us to see from this emphasis in Scripture. Sin is like this. Because of man's separation from God, because of his spiritually dead condition and the hardness of his soul, he becomes insensitive, callused, restless and never satisfied.



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2. Can Anyone Speak truth into your Life?

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- *Here we see how the Lord always has His messengers of the Word. When there is a person whose heart has been prepared, God always has his messengers.*
- *Why do you think Naaman listened to her? After all what could a slave know? perhaps her life spoke volumes! Her life had been such a testimony that it gave credibility to her words.*



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3. Your not Here for me, I'm here for You!

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The Great Naaman: So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

- *Naaman in his chariot with his fine horses, with his gold and silver and fine clothes standing in front of the prophet's house which was probably very unimposing by Naaman's standards.*
- *Naaman was a proud man. He was proud of his accomplishments, talents, power, position, and wealth. He rode up arrogantly and thought, surely this lowly prophet of Israel will come out to me.*
- *Naaman the great warrior; and he will wave his hand over the area of my leprosy and I will be cured.*



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Simple Faith:

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4. Pride Trumps Simple Faith EVERYDAY!

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**Naaman went away in his fury in
verse 11, “Behold I thought.”**

Question?

***How are your thoughts, and plans going
for you?***



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Naaman had contempt for God's solution and plan. To him it was foolish. He was thinking, why should I go wash in the muddy Jordan River in Israel when I have clear streams of water in Damascus? Of all the absurd ideas!

- **Key: *Human reasoning here.*** The implication is: If a cure comes through bathing in a stream, then I have better streams in which to bathe myself.



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5. Obedience is great than Sacrifice!

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Obedience of Faith:

What was the issue here? The washing? No. Would that cure him? No. It was the ***obedience of faith***. It was personal faith in the command of the prophet and not the evidence of his faith, washing, which cured him. It was his ***simple faith in the word of God***..



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Simple Faith:

This simple command beautifully illustrates the ***simplicity of the gospel*** message of salvation in Jesus—that forgiveness and salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone!



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“The way of faith is the way of humiliation and repudiation of self worth, human ability, or religious works, which then casts us on the grace of God.”

-anonymous



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4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...-Tit. 3:4-5

Faith is the one thing we can do without doing anything!



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Simple Obedience this Week: 3 Bold prayers!

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