

### Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read 2 Kings 5:1-19. What questions immediately come to mind?
2. Naaman was not looking for God but for a cure to his leprosy. In your own life, how does looking for some "thing" often come ahead of looking for Some One? Why is it better to seek God & his presence than to chase miracles or displays of God's power?
3. Naaman's journey begins when he hears about the God of Israel from the Israelite girl that his people had kidnapped. Who is someone you consider to have done wrong to you who may need to hear the good news from you?
4. Why do you suppose the King of Israel reacts so strongly & negatively to the letter from the king of Aram? Who demonstrates greater faith in Yahweh's capacity to heal?
5. What is significant in the contrast between Naaman's grand arrival & Elisha's cool detached reception?
6. What logic do Naaman's servants use to encourage his obedience to Elisha's instructions? Why do you think he was so reluctant to obey straight away?
7. As Naaman demonstrated by obeying God's instructions, God's power is experienced through faith *AND* obedience to his word in the details of life. What small, seemingly insignificant areas of your life might God be calling you to submit to him that will unlock his power if you obey?
8. Why wouldn't Elisha accept the gifts from Naaman? What might be wrong with accepting these gifts of gratitude?
9. What does Naaman ask in addition once his healing is completed? Why is that significant? What does it indicate has taken place in Naaman?
10. Where would you ask for healing today? Who in your life has a need that can only be addressed by turning to Jesus? What simple courageous word can you speak, like the maid in this account, to point them in the right direction?
11. What does this text call you to do?

### Remember:

You never know whose life might be healed by your courageous witness to Jesus.

# Living Water Fellowship

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Pentecost*

*2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024*

*COME TO JESUS*

*Lord be the Rising (AT 676)*

### **SONGS:**

### **WELCOME & PRAYER:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

### **BIBLE READING:**

2 Kings 5:1-19

<sup>1</sup> The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the Lord had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup> At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, & among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. <sup>3</sup> One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

<sup>4</sup> So Naaman told the king what the young girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> "Go & visit the prophet," the king of Aram told him. "I will send a letter of introduction for you to take to the king of Israel." So Naaman started out, carrying as gifts 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, & ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup> The letter to the king of Israel said: "With this letter I present my servant Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in dismay saying, "Am I God, that I can give life & take it away? Why is this man asking me to heal someone with leprosy? I can see that he's just trying to pick a fight with me." <sup>8</sup> But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: "Why are you so upset? Send Naaman to me, & he will learn that there is a true prophet here in Israel."

<sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses & chariots & waited at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go & wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, & you will be healed of your leprosy." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry & stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy & call on the name of the Lord his God & heal me! <sup>12</sup> Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana & the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them & be healed?" So Naaman turned & went away in a rage.

<sup>13</sup> But his officers tried to reason with him & said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" <sup>14</sup> So Naaman went down to the Jordan River &

dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, & he was healed!

<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman & his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, & Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant." <sup>16</sup> But Elisha replied, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept any gifts." And though Naaman urged him to take the gift, Elisha refused. <sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, "All right, but please allow me to load two of my mules with earth from this place, & I will take it back home with me. From now on I will never again offer burnt offerings or sacrifices to any other god except the Lord. <sup>18</sup> However, may the Lord pardon me in this one thing: When my master the king goes into the temple of the god Rimmon to worship there and leans on my arm, may the Lord pardon me when I bow, too." <sup>19</sup> "Go in peace," Elisha said. So Naaman started home again.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SONG:** *Lord whose Love in humble Service*

#### **FAITH CHAT:**

1. Have you ever felt prompted by God to say something to someone?  
What happened?
2. The maid's courage gave other servants courage. How might you, living courageously do that for someone else?

**THE MESSAGE:** *LIVING COURAGEOUSLY: UNNAMED MAID*

**OFFERING SONG:** *He Knows My Name (PW 834)*

#### **PRAYERS:**

#### **THE COMMUNION:**

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship Video during Communion: Cry For Humility (Christ our Life)*

## *GO IN HIS POWER*

#### **THE BLESSING:**

**(Name), † child of God,  
Christ has made you his to live courageously in his Name!  
-- Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:** *You are my All in All*

## *SHOW HIS LOVE*

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