

CG WK 18 The Whole Story "Be Humble or Be Humbled — The Story of Naaman"

READ: 2 Kings 5:1–19

• What stands out to you the most about Naaman's story?

Which person do you most identify with—Naaman, the servant girl, the king, or Elisha?
 Why?

GOD'S PURSUIT OF THE ENEMY (Grace)

"Even though Naaman was an enemy of God, God still pursued him."

• How does this story show God's heart for outsiders and enemies?

- How does it make you feel to know that God pursued you when you were far from Him (Romans 5:10)?
- Who in your life might seem "too far" from God, yet might be exactly who He's pursuing?
- Have you ever felt unworthy of God's pursuit? What helps you believe He really wants you?

THE CONDITION AND THE CURE (Sin & Salvation)

Naaman's leprosy represented sin—slow, deadly, and impossible to fix on our own.

- What are some ways sin in our lives acts like "spiritual leprosy"—spreading and desensitizing us over time?
- Naaman had everything—success, power, wealth—but still had a condition he couldn't cure. What are some things people today use to "cover up" their deeper spiritual sickness?
- How has Jesus healed or is healing areas in your life that sin once controlled?
- What's one area where you need to stop pretending and let Jesus "wash" you?

PRIDE AND HUMILITY (Response to the Gospel)

Naaman's biggest obstacle wasn't leprosy—it was pride.

- Why do you think pride keeps so many people from surrendering to Jesus?
- Naaman thought Elisha's instructions were too simple. Why do we sometimes resist the simple obedience that brings healing?
- "Be humble or be humbled." What's one recent example where God has used something to humble you? What did you learn through it?
- What might pride look like in your life right now—trying to fix yourself, refusing help, hiding sin, or needing control?

THE ROLE OF SERVANTS (Witness & Compassion)

God used servants—the captive girl and Naaman's own attendants—to guide him to healing.

- What does this teach us about how God works through humble people?
- How might you be like the servant girl this week—showing compassion to someone who doesn't deserve it?
- Is there someone in your life God may be calling you to speak truth to, even if it's uncomfortable?





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MADE NEW (Transformation & Witness)

After Naaman obeyed, "his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy."

- How does this image of "new skin" connect with 2 Corinthians 5:17 ("the old has gone, the new is here")?
- If you've experienced Jesus' cleansing grace—how has it changed you?
- How can we live daily as people who have been "made new"?
- What step of obedience is God calling you to take today? (Confession, surrender, baptism, forgiveness, serving, etc.)

GO IN PEACE (Grace After the Gospel)

Elisha didn't condemn Naaman when he admitted his weakness; he said, "Go in peace."

- What does that reveal about God's heart toward us after salvation?
- Why do we still struggle to believe we can have peace with God, even after being forgiven?
- How can you walk in peace this week instead of guilt or striving?

Announcements:

- Women's Gathering- Saturday, October 18th 9am-12pm (Bring your ONE more)
- Are you praying for your ONE more?

