

“MORE THAN A NAME”
(UNNAMED PEOPLE IN THE SCRIPTURES WHO LEFT AN UNDENIABLE IMPACT)



“A NO-NAME SERVANT”

Text: II Kings 5:1-4

INTRODUCTION: As the people of God, we are helped when we choose to remember that the grace of God has the power to overcome **any** of life’s many adversities and to bring out on the other side a *wonderful testimony* for the Lord. In the first verse of our text, we read of a man named Naaman. He was the “captain of the host of Syria, a great man with his master, an honourable man and the Lord had given deliverance of Syria by him”. He was also a mighty man of valour/courage and _____. It would be easy for us to consider Naaman a **“GOAT”** – however, in verse one, we find these words, *“but he was a leper”*.

Leprosy is a dreaded disease that works from the inside out. Many times the bacteria takes three to _____ years for symptoms to appear after coming into contact with the bacteria. The *“inside out”* nature of leprosy is why the Bible uses leprosy as a picture of _____ (**Mark. 7:21-23**). Today, the world tries its best to reform sinful man by way of education, psychology, sociology and even religion, but the only hope we have to cure mankind from the pandemic of sin is the miracle of _____ (**Ephesians 2:1-5, Romans 10:13-14**).

I. A CAPTURED _____ (II Kings 5:2)

A. A Different _____

This young unnamed servant girl was in Naaman’s house as a spoil of war – a slave.

We should remember that God does not have to provide us a life of *comfort* and *ease* for us to serve Him. Does He? (**Luke 14:26-27**)

B. A Difficult _____

This unnamed young maiden slave is literally charged with caring for Naaman.

In our text, we find no recorded reference to a _____ of bitterness or discontent found in the life of this nameless servant.

Circumstances do not Dictate Contentment – Quit expecting them to! (**Phil 4:13, II Cor. 12:9**)

C. A Designed _____

It becomes very apparent that this little unnamed maiden does not just *happen* to be in Naaman’s house. Coincidence? **Hardly!**

Our God lovingly orchestrates the plan of our lives to bring about His _____ and our _____. (**Psalms 37:23, Jeremiah 29:11**)

II. A CAREFUL _____

The Scriptures do not share with us the emotions that this nameless servant girl was sorting through (*fear, loneliness, frustration, pity*), but it is clear to see that she rose above them all.

A. An Excellent _____ (Proverbs 20:27, Jeremiah 17:10, I Sam. 16:7)

Our spiritual condition reveals itself through our actions.

Jesus' most scathing messages were to the Pharisees who had an *outward show of religion*, but whose hearts were both _____ and _____.

B. An Exemplary _____ (Romans 5:8, I Peter 2:21-24)

This young maiden slave could have been sour and bitter in her service to Naaman's family, but she accepted her role and exhibited a _____ spirit.

Ephesians 6:5-8 was written to slaves, who did not receive *wages, vacation time, a benefit package or a retirement account*, yet they were commanded to serve as Christ had done, faithfully and from the _____!

III. A COURAGEOUS SPEECH (II Kings 5:3)

A. This Speech was _____ (Romans 5:1-5, Jude 22)

When God's love changes us, it changes our response to others also.

B. This Speech was _____ (Luke 4:27, Luke 1:37, II Cor. 5:7)

This unnamed maiden's proposal was beyond human comprehension and reason, but she had _____ faith in a _____ God. Do we?

How soon do we give up on things that are extreme? If we serve a God capable of doing things impossible, let's renew our faith in our God!

C. This Speech was _____ (II Kings 5:4-15)

Naaman's ways were not God's ways and neither are ours.

We are well served when we hear God's Word and heed His message!

Naaman's *healing* came by way of simple _____ and ours will too.

CONCLUSION: There are at least three simple spiritual basics that this unnamed maiden slave can teach us: **1.** She believed that nothing happens by accident. Every event in our lives is purposed for God's glory and our good. **2.** She believed that God would bless her and would use her in the lives of _____. **3.** She was willing to speak up and out for the Lord regardless of the perceived risk.

Whatever *circumstance* we may be facing just now, let's accept it and ask God to *change* us through it. Let's use the *change* to grow us spiritually and to help those who's lives are marred by sin and are in need of the greatest healing known to man – **SALVATION.**