

# Lessons from Naaman the Leper

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## *II Kings 5*

- I. **God sets the terms of our provision. It always starts with an exchange of our weakness for His strength (James 4:6; Matthew 5:1-7; I Corinthians 1:26-29).**
  - A. Naaman would have paid any price for his healing. But the only payment required was vulnerability (II Kings 5:11-14).
  - B. God wanted to show Naaman unmerited favor, but Gehazi distorted it (II Kings 5:19-27).
  - C. Examples of our weakness and God's strength: salvation, prayer (Mark 10:46-52)
  
- II. **The lessons of direct encounter with God (revival)**
  - A. Receiving the Holy Spirit (Someone supernatural is the central issue.) (Acts 1:4-8; 2:11-14)
  - B. As with Naaman, God sets the terms of how He comes to us.
    1. Being vulnerable and open with your brokenness or problem
    2. A willingness to come in childlike faith, no matter how the Spirit packages the answer (Isaiah 55:8, 9)
    3. Hunger and humility will carry you to God every time (Mike's testimony).
    4. Dipping seven times—a willingness to soak in the Spirit's refreshing presence and power
  
- III. **God solves our problems and brings us into deeper relationship (peace and joy) with Him at the same time. God is always better than we think (II Kings 5:17-19).**
  - A. Our pain makes us vulnerable to God, and God makes Himself vulnerable to us.
  - B. The deeper question is whether we are married to God for His money. God is continually healing our heart in this matter (Matthew 6:25-26, 33-34; Psalm 32:6-11).