

Living in the Light

Naaman and Gehazi: Free but Costly Pt. 2

2 Kings 5:14-27

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I. God's Grace Changes Your Identity

A. To That of a Servant

Naaman refers to himself as “your servant” 5 times between verses 15 and 18.

2 Kings 5:15-18 “...And he said, ‘Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from **your servant**.’ ¹⁶ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.’ And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let there be given to **your servant** two mule loads of earth, for from now on **your servant** will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord. ¹⁸ In this matter may the Lord pardon **your servant**: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon **your servant** in this matter.’”

When God goes from just being “**a god**” to “**the Lord**” of your life, then your identity becomes that of a servant.

2 Kings 5:15 “...so accept now a present from your servant.”

A changed heart is evidenced by a willingness to lay aside what you believe you have “earned” or “deserve” in order to humbly serve.

B. To That of a Witness

2 Kings 5:17-18 “Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord. ¹⁸ In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter.’”

God's grace transforms you into a witness even in the midst of the dark world in which you still operate.

Every day you rub shoulders with people worshipping all sorts of false gods, and yet your work is now an opportunity to worship and to witness.

If you love something, you talk about it.

The little slave girl did not know everything, but she shared where Naaman could find healing.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us..."

II. Sin Deceives You By Justifying Evil

2 Kings 5:19-20 "But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, 'See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.'"

God's plan has always been to save people from all peoples.

Self-righteousness will lead you to justify your sin towards others.

2 Kings 5:22 "...Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing."

What you tell yourself matters.

You talk to yourself more than you talk to anyone else, and no one talks to you more than you talk to yourself.

You are always filtering circumstances through your heart and mind and telling yourself things about them.

What you tell yourself and what you choose to meditate on will impact what you do.

What filter are you viewing life through?

Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

III. Sin Drives You Into Hiding but God’s Grace Calls You Into Light

2 Kings 5:25 “...‘Where have you been, Gehazi?’ And he said, ‘Your servant went nowhere.’”

From the beginning, hiding has been the natural result of sin.

2 Kings 5:26 “...‘Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?’”

God’s grace calls you into the light.

2 Kings 5:27 “...So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.”

Gehazi was made white as snow in judgment, but you can be made white as snow through forgiveness.