

HABAKKAK 2:4

We can never over emphasize the importance of faith and the place it holds in the life of a believer. Without it, “it’s impossible to please God” is a truth that should make the study of faith a priority in the life of every child God. The prophet reveals two mindsets, ways and faiths. **MATTHEW 9:29** – Our faith determines what we experience. **MATTHEW 8:13** – The Centurion’s faith got his servant healed. **MATTHEW 15:28** – This mother’s faith got her daughter delivered. **MARK 5:34** – This woman’s faith got her healed. **MARK 10:52** – This man’s faith got him sight. **LUKE 17:19** – This leper’s faith made him whole. Our faith enables us to experience everything Jesus’ Blood purchased for us.

LESSONS FROM NAAMAN – 2 KINGS 5

1. One’s position in life doesn’t exempt him from adversity. **V1** - Naaman was a highly respected and decorated man of valor. Leprosy wasn’t impressed with his credentials or achievements.
A. **JOHN 16:33 (KJV, AMPC)** Everyone will face adversity. Trouble is no respecter of persons. Storms come to all of us
2. God can use anyone. **V2-4** – The miracle began with the testimony of a young slave who was a foreigner valued only as a servant. She could’ve kept her faith to herself and not told Mrs. Naaman about Elisha.
A. We don’t have to hold a high position or be highly educated to be used by God. We just have to be willing to share our faith.
3. God’s and man’s ways differ. **V9-12** – Naaman’s way was more logical and convenient. His rivers were closer and cleaner.
A. **PROVERBS 16:25** – He could’ve dipped a hundred times in those rivers and never got healed. Our thinking may seem right, but the end results can be destructive.
4. Ego can prevent miracles. **V13-14** – Once Naaman’s pride was dealt with, the miracle power of God was released.
A. **ISAIAH 57:15** – Only God has the right to be egotistical. He inhabits eternity and sits on the highest seat in the universe. Yet he humbled Himself to lift us up out of the dust by becoming a man and suffering for our sins. No wonder He exalts the humble.
5. Faith originates with God, not us. **V11** – “I thought” is never to be our source for faith. What Naaman thought was wrong.
A. **HEBREWS 12:2** – Jesus authorizes and perfects our faith. Naaman was no different than Cain who thought he could sacrifice his way.
6. We shouldn’t make hard what God made simple. **V13** – Naaman would’ve done something difficult to prove his worth, but not simple.
A. Jesus did what was hard and great, all we must do is believe.
7. Obedience is necessary. **V14** – When Naaman obeyed, his miracle came.
A. **ISAIAH 1:19-20** – We use our faith to obey God, not just to receive healing or miracles.
 - Noah built a boat by faith.
 - Abraham left his home.
 - It takes faith to love our enemy, pay our tithes, assemble with other believers....

CONCLUSION:

To be in faith we must know what God says either by His Word or by His Spirit and act accordingly.