

RECEIVING FROM GOD – 2
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REVIEW: JAMES 1:5-8 (HCSB)

- God doesn't have to become a better giver, we must become better receivers of what God has given us in Christ.
- God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness and He withholds nothing from those who walk uprightly.
- If we don't ask in faith, we shouldn't expect to receive anything from God.
- Helps: decide what we want, find scriptures, ask, believe you receive, stand against doubt, meditate, and praise God for the answer.

CONTINUE: 2 KINGS 5:1-14

- Faith is required in order to receive from God.
- Faith originates with God, not us. **ROMANS 10:17, HEBREWS 12:2** If God doesn't authorize it, He's not obligated to finish it. We don't do what God told someone else to do and expect to get the same results.
- Naaman was told what to do. **2 KINGS 5:10** These instructions seem reasonable if you want healed.
- Naaman's response was one of anger and pride. **V11**
 1. "He thought" means he played this out in his mind. This is how he saw it, and this is how it should be done.
 2. "Surely come out to me" the least he can do since he went to him with over \$78,000.00 worth of gold, silver and clothing.
 3. "Call and wave" to invoke his deity as people observed the scene and watched him be healed before their eyes. Instead, he is told to ride 50 miles to the Jordan river where no one but his servants would see the miracle occur. He wanted pomp and parade, so he got angry.
 4. Naaman's reasoning – **V12** the rivers of Damascus are beautiful and pure. Why dip in muddy waters: also, I have washed in those waters many times and am I clean? No! and what about the expense? So he leaves angry.
 5. Naaman's servants encourage him to trust the prophet, **V13**. "My father" an expression of reverence and honor.
 6. "Seven times" represents the divine covenant with Israel. The cure depends on that covenant. Seven is a signature of the works of God. **V14**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Did Naaman need healing? Yes.
2. Were there any natural or medical cures? No.
3. Who directed Naaman to a spiritual cure? His wife's maid.
4. Was Naaman given instructions how to receive healing? Yes.
5. Was Naaman's healing God's will? Yes
6. Did Naaman initially do what was necessary to receive his healing? No.
7. Why was Naaman so angry? Because he felt disrespected.
8. What changed Naaman's mind and attitude: his servants.
9. Would Naaman have received healing if he didn't have a change of heart and mind? No.
10. Is it necessary to receive by faith what God has so freely given us in Christ? Yes!

CONCLUSION:

Receiving from God requires faith in what God says to do even if we don't understand why He says to do it!