

Message Notes Pastor Steve Durand

Date: 8/4/19 **Scripture:** 2 Kings 5:1-19 **Series:** Miracles

Message Title: From Disappointment to Divine Appointment

The unmistakable hand of God at work in Naaman's life:

A divinely appointed _____

v. 1a – *Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram.*

A divinely appointed _____

v. 1b – *He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.*

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vv. 2-3 – ²*Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."*

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v. 10 – *Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."*

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Kings 5:1-19

1. Recall a time from your own life in which God specifically and unmistakably orchestrated events in order to either protect, provide, teach, or intervene on your behalf. What did you learn from that experience?
2. Why do we sometimes miss divinely appointed opportunities to bless, encourage, or comfort others that God places around us?
3. Do you believe that God places people in strategic positions today to accomplish His purposes? If so, share an example.
4. What are some different purposes God might have for allowing pain and suffering in our lives? How did God use Naaman's leprosy to humble him and to ultimately bring about a miracle in his life?
5. Has God ever used a seemingly insignificant person (like the slave girl) to teach you about His grace?
6. Why do you think God used a little girl to call Naaman instead of someone well-known and powerful?
7. How might people reject God's blessing because it doesn't suit them or meet their expectations?
8. What role did Naaman's pride play in almost preventing a miracle? What role does our pride play in preventing us from experiencing miracles today? What could you do to ensure that your own ego does not get in the way of what God wants to do in your life?
9. What is one thing you could do to be more ready to respond to the opportunities that God places around you this week?