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A “Legend In His Own Mind”

In the character of Naaman, we see a man who was truly a “legend in his own mind.” Many are misunderstanding and rejecting God’s Word today because they desire to please self instead of pleasing God (2 Kings 5:11-12).

Let’s note some other possible reasons why Naaman was a “legend in his own mind.” From the beginning of this story in 2 Kings 5:1, we see at least two possible reasons that could have played a factor resulting in the arrogant attitude of Naaman: first he was a “great” and “honorable” man in the eyes of the king of Aram. And he was a “mighty man in valor” (2 Kings 5:1). It is possible that Naaman simply thought of himself as “great” and “mighty.” As a result, he would have displayed an attitude of self-importance resulting in his arrogant disposition.

After the prophet Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman giving him God’s instructions on the process of getting rid of his leprosy, Naaman thought his ideas were better than God’s instructions (2 Kings 5:10-12). He should have been thankful and satisfied with the promise of being made clean of his leprosy. Instead, “Naaman became furious” (2 Kings 5:11) because he didn’t get “his way” or “I thought”). In the religious world we live in today, many folks become angry when God’s word doesn’t match up with their wants. “Their thoughts” take precedence over “God’s thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). We desperately need to dispense with that kind of selfish pride and be more concerned with what God thinks than what we think (Romans 11:33-36).

We also see a attitude of unthankfulness in the character of Naaman. Did he appreciate or offer any expression of thanks to the young Hebrew slave for telling her mistress (Naaman’s wife) about a prophet who could ask God to cleanse him of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:2-3)?

In Romans 12:3, Paul exhorts each of the brethren at Rome, “not to think of himself more highly than you ought of yourselves....” Every Christian should work at having a character of humility, because there is a great tendency within many of us to think too highly of ourselves, i.e. our intellect, abilities, etc. Remember that God stands against such puffed up attitudes (1 Peter 5:5). Paul’s exhortation to us is to think of ourselves wisely and accurately, making a sane and well-balanced evaluation of our abilities – not an insane, unbalanced judgment.

Are we sometimes like Naaman, thinking that we are a “legend in our own mind?” If we think we are, perhaps we need to “humble ourselves” before God and ask His forgiveness that we might become better **servants** of His (2 Chronicles 7:14; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6).

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We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

We sincerely welcome you to this time of worship. Let us join together eagerly in celebrating the goodness of God, and singing songs of joy before our creator.

Pray for our Church family:

Pray for family & friends:

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis' extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins' family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Our Father, our trust in in You even in hard times.
We thank You for the example of Jesus who forgave even
those who differed with Him so much they took His life. Help
us to love others, even our neighbors who differ with us. In
Jesus' name, amen.

Power For Today: Steven S. Lemley; July 2021

Read: Matthew 5:43-48

News:

To brothers and sisters in Christ: Thank you so much for prayers and encouragement for Lucy and me. Lucy crossed the Jordan Wednesday afternoon, leaving behind a body that just wouldn't cooperate any more. This ends a long eight-year battle since suffering the first ravaging effect of diabetes. She taught us how to adapt and adapt again to the curves life throws at us. Her trust in the Lord served her well and glory awaits. God bless you all.
Roy

*Individually wrapped **communion supplies*** are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service or while you are out of town.

Scripture readings: 2 Kings 5:1-5 & 9-15

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. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 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." But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."

Sermon Title: “I thought....”

Birthdays:

Yolanda Britton:	5/3
Kathy Ferrell:	5/4
Stuart Huggins:	5/14

Wedding Anniversaries:

K & K Ferrell: 5/1
K & Y Britton: 5/28

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Class: Thursday mornings @
10:30 a.m. in the house**

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

God bless us all and our families and loved ones too.

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