

2 Kings 5:13

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We tend to think that God has to do something big in our lives to show Himself to us or to others in a big way. Yet in today's devotional we read that God wanted to do a big thing in a little way, that way He would be glorified. Not man, not a particular place or thing, but God.

Think of Naaman, who we are talking about in today's devotional, where Naaman had leprosy and the prophet Elisha was sent for so that he would be healed. So Elisha comes and speaks the word of the Lord to him on how to be healed.

† **2 Kings 5:10** *And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."*

Yet Naaman would have none of that. He wanted big fanfare and wanted to be in a really nice place where everyone could see and where he could be the center of attention, not God.

† **2 Kings 5:11-12** *But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.*

That's where today's verse comes in, where Naaman's servant tells him

† *And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"*

And the results of this was more than just a physical healing, which he got.

† **2 Kings 5:14** *So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

But it ended up being a spiritual healing as well.

† **2 Kings 5:15-17** *And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the*

earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

Naaman was not only healed physically, but spiritually as well, and he turned his life over to the Lord, and why? Because he did it the Lord's way and not his.

Think about that, if Naaman would had gotten healed his way "***He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.***" Then man (Probably Elisha), would had received the glory from Naaman. Yet it wasn't done Naaman's way and the result was that God was glorified, and a man (Naaman) was not only healed physically, but got saved as well.

Something to think about the next time the Lord asks you to do something in a little way for His greatness. Our job is not to determine how others will respond or how, or if they will glorify the Lord in what we say or do. No, ours is to simply glorify the Lord in not just the big things that we do, but also in the little ways as well, by being obedient in doing the little things for our big, Awesome GOD!!! That way no man can receive the glory, only God and God alone!!!

† **Isaiah 42:8** *I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.*

† **Luke 16:10-11 (MSG)** *Jesus went on to make these comments: **If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things; If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things.***