

Missionaries - Lesson - 3 The Unlikely Missionary

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Luke 4:27 (NKJV) *And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."*

He Had It All . . . But

2 Kings 5:1 (NKJV) *Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper.*

No man's greatness, or honor, or interest, or valor, or victory, or wealth, can set him out of the reach of the sorest calamities of human life; there is many a sickly, crazy body under rich clothing. Naaman was a great as the world could make him, and yet the lowest slave in Syria would not want to be in his skin.

Luke 5:12–15 (NKJV) *And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." ³ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, "**But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.**" However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.*

Two people were struck with leprosy

An Unlikely Witness

The First Missionary

2 Kings 5:2–3 (NKJV) *And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. ³ Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."*

The unhappy dispersing of God's people has often proved the happy occasion of the diffusion of the knowledge of God, Acts 8:4.

Acts 8:4 (NKJV) *Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.*

Out of the mouth of babes and hast thou ordained strength. Psalms 8:2
Exodus 4:6–7 *Furthermore the Lord said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. ⁷ And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh.*

***Numbers 12:10 (NKJV)** *And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.*

Elisha, the Prophet

2 Kings 2:15 (NKJV) *Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.*

***John 15:5 (NKJV)** *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

Naaman had to go to a foreign kingdom for healing. So do we...

2 Kings 5:8 (NKJV) *So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."*

The Second Missionary

***2 Kings 5:10 (NKJV)** *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."*

The Healing of Naaman

Off In A Rage

2 Kings 5:11–12 (NKJV) *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.' ¹² 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.*

Galatians 5:19, 20 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, **outbursts of wrath,***

The Third Missionary

2 Kings 5:13–14 (NKJV) *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’?”*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.*

Job 31:13-15 *If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? Did not he that made me in the womb make him?*

A New Believer

***2 Kings 5:15** (NKJV) *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.”*

One of the missionaries to Naaman fell. Naaman was still clean.

Acts 4:34–35 (NKJV) *Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,³⁵ and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. Why did Elisha refuse the gift?*

A Thankful Healed Leper

Luke 17:12–19 (NKJV) *Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”¹⁹ And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”*

A Fourth Missionary

2 Kings 5:17 (NKJV) *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. He who had spoken very slightly of the waters of Israel (2Kings 5:12) now is in another extreme over-values the earth of Israel.*

***1 John 5:2–3** (NKJV) *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*

Romans 6:1 (NKJV) *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*

Revelation 14:12 (NKJV) *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*