

SERMON GUIDE

MY GOD WILL HAVE TO BE GOOD ENOUGH

2 Kings 5:1-19 | Pastor Tim Prince

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Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: Have you ever had an illness interrupt a vacation or some other significant life event? What happened?

Note about the passage:

Naaman is the commander of the army in Syria – a kingdom on the northern border of Israel. Syria and Israel were in perpetual conflict with one another. Syria generally had the upper hand. Samaria is the name of Israel's capital in the north. The name Samaria sometimes refers to the entire northern part of Israel as well.

Read Galatians 3:23-4:7

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything “illuminated” or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What do you notice about this text? What do you find interesting? What do you wonder? What questions do you have about the people, events or God?
- O** What do you observe about the way Naaman is described by the narrator? What is the problem that he faces? How do you think this impacted Naaman spiritually?
- O** The servant girl tells Naaman to go and see “the prophet who is in Samaria,” but Naamon goes instead to the King of Samaria. Why do you think he does that? What do we learn about Naaman’s mindset and his understanding of the gods from this?
- O** Why do you think Naaman is angry when he leaves Elisha’s house? Why do you think it’s so hard for him to do what Elisha asks? What do you think Elisha is teaching Naaman about the God of Israel?
- A** Relating to God on the basis of grace and love alone can sometimes be very hard for us. We would rather do some great thing to earn our healing. Are you like Naaman? Is pride impacting your relationship with God right now?
- A** Naaman was changed by his encounter with Elisha and Elisha’s God. How would your life be different if you began relating to God on the basis of his grace and love alone, not on the basis of what you do for God?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.

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The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in all that you do