



## Greater Life Church Central

*"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"*

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**The Year of Awakening**

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## When God's Instructions Don't Match Your Expectations

### 2 Kings 5:1–14 (NKJV)

1 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. 2 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." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." 8 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." 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 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." 11 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. 13 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



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the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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### **MAIN POINT:**

**Your breakthrough often begins when you stop arguing with God's instructions.**

#### **1. God Will Use \_\_\_\_\_ People to Align You - 2 Kings 5:1-3 NKJV**

- God's Direction Came Through a Servant Girl
- Luke 19:39-41 (Message)

#### **2. God's Instructions Will Often \_\_\_\_\_ Your Pride-2 Kings 5:4-11 NKJV**

- Naaman Was Angry Because God Didn't Do It His Way

*Proverbs 16:18 Message*

*Romans 12:3 Message*

#### **3. The Miracle Happens When You \_\_\_\_\_ Obey - 2 Kings 5:12-14 NKJV)**

- Partial Obedience Would Not Have Worked
- Joshua 1:8 (MSG)