

NAAMAN & HIS HEBREW SERVANT GIRL  
2 Kings 5:1-18  
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1. The Faith of a Child

 **A Simple Testimony, Borne Out of Genuine Concern**

Elisha had not cleansed any leper in Israel (Luke 4:27), yet this little maid, from the other miracles he had wrought, inferred that he could cure her master, and from his common beneficence inferred that he would do it, though he was a Syrian. Servants may be blessings to the families where they are, by telling what they know of the glory of God and the honour of his prophets. Matthew Henry

Christianity spread rapidly during the first century because all Christians saw themselves as responsible for disseminating the gospel. ERWIN W. LUTZER

A missionary is a person who teaches cannibals to say grace before they eat him. Source unknown

I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the Grace of God, I shall do. Edward Everett Hale

Being an extrovert isn't essential to evangelism—obedience and love are. REBECCA MANLEY PIPPERT

 **An expectation borne out of a child's faith**

**† The faith of a child**

Mat. 18:1-4

Mark 10:13-15

God needs no one, but when faith is present, he works through anyone. A. W. TOZER

I do not want merely to possess a faith; I want a faith that possesses me. CHARLES KINGSLEY

DWIGHT MOODY: I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.


2. The Problems of Greatness

Mat. 19:24 (NIV)

Humility is a necessary prerequisite for grace. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX


F.B. Meyer once said: "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other, and that the taller we grew in Christian character the easier we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other. It is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower; that we have to go down, always down, to get His best gifts."

3. The Fruit of Faith

 **Faith is seen in what we do, not in what we say.**

Faith is not a sense, nor sight, nor reason, but taking God at his Word. Arthur Benoni Evans

Obedience means marching right on whether we feel like it or not. Many times we go against our feelings. Faith is one thing, feeling is another. DWIGHT MOODY

 **Faith means letting go of our need to be in control.**

In the horse and buggy days, a man was driving with his wife along a dangerous road. At a very narrow place the wife became frightened and seized the rein nearest to her. Her husband quietly passed her the other rein and let go. Then more frightened than ever she said, "Oh, don't you let go!" He answered, "Two people cannot drive one and the same horse; either I must drive or you must." Then she gave him the reins and he drove safely past the danger.

Sin has four characteristics: self-sufficiency instead of faith; self-will instead of submission; self-seeking instead of benevolence; self-righteousness instead of humility. E. Paul Hovey

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God, trusts God; and he that trusts God, obeys God. Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Prov. 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart; Do not lean on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, & He will direct your paths.

A Truth to Remember: God's way is always the best way, even when we don't understand "WHY."

A Challenge to Consider: Is God calling you to let go of your control and trust Him by doing something HIS way, without DEMANDING that things go YOUR way?

One thing I heard this morning is...