

Hope Found!
2 Kings 5:9-14

So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean." But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, '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 cure the leper.' "Are not Abanah and 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. Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.

Verse of the Week:

**I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,
and in His word do I hope.
(Psalm 130:5)**

Choice #1: Learn to transform the pain so you don't transfer it.

Choice #2: Learn to be okay with not being okay.

1. Naaman urgently needed hope. (2 Kings 5:1)

Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, **but he was a leper.**

2. Naaman desperately searched for hope. (2 Kings 5:5)

Then the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." **He departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand shekels of gold and ten changes of clothes.**

3. Naaman initially rejected hope. (2 Kings 5:11-12)

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4. Naaman finally **experienced** hope. (2 Kings 5:13-14)

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