



**A LITTLE KINDNESS  
& A CUP OF GENEROSITY**

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In 2Kings chapter 5, a young girl was once taken captive from the land of Israel to Syria and had to serve as slave in the house of Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army. This man was great because through him the Lord had given victory to Syria over nations around including Israel. The king therefore loved him and his soldiers respected and honored him.

However, Naaman was a leper! His sickness gave every one much concern but none could help. Not even the doctors in the entire land of Syria. Leprosy is a terrible communicable skin disease that gradually chops off the fingers and toes of its sufferers. In fact it is so bad that lepers in ancient times were avoided and kept outside the city. They were never allowed to live with others.

The same thing still happens now worldwide. Lepers live in colonies carved out for them in places far removed from the general populace. Specialists attend to them there. Can you imagine being separated from your family members and loved ones because of a disease? It is terrible and painful!

One day, as this young slave girl served her mistress, she said to her: “Excuse me ma, I know a prophet called Elisha way back in Israel from where I was captured whom God blessed with the gift of miracles. If only master will go to him, he will be healed of his leprosy.”

Naaman’s wife reported the slave girl’s claim to her husband and encouraged him saying, “There’s no harm in trying. After all, the doctors in our country have not been able to help.”

“This may be an opportunity of a lifetime. Please use it. I will be the happiest woman on earth if you are healed. The reproach we have suffered will come to an end. The king and every one in the Syrian army will love it too” she further stressed.

Naaman agreed and took permission from the king to go to this great prophet of God. The king consented instantly. The leprous army commander traveled with lots of gifts for the prophet to show gratitude after he must have been healed. One of his servants followed him too. Naaman and his servant soon got to Samaria and went straight to the king’s palace but were later directed to Elisha the prophet.

Surprisingly, Elisha did no special thing as Naaman expected. He simply instructed him to go wash himself seven times in river Jordan. Naaman found this ridiculous and humiliating, so he refused. He was about turning back to return to Syria still a leper when his servant pleaded with him saying, “My father, please obey what the prophet said. If he had told you to do something difficult or offered a sacrifice wouldn’t you have done it?”

Finally, Naaman obeyed and dipped himself seven times in river Jordan. Guess what happened? His flesh was restored like that of a little baby. He was cleansed!

The name of this young slave girl was not given in the story, yet what she did lives long after her. God knows every one of us, young children too; God knows you even if the great and rich men in your society don’t notice you. He takes note of everything we do too. The Bible says there are books in heaven where God records everything we do (Revelations 20: 12). In the end, God will judge us by the content of those books.

You should then decide from now to do good all the time. Show a little kindness to people around you. The way to be happy is to make others happy. Imagine the joy in the heart of everyone especially that slave girl when Naaman eventually returned home completely healed.