

**Series:** Ordinary People - Extraordinary God

**Sermon:** Naaman

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 5:1; 9-14; James 1:19-20

*Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. – 2 Kings 5:1*

*So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> 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. – 2 Kings 5:9-14*

*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. - James 1:19-20*

*Reflection Questions:*

- Where in my life am I slow to listen and quick to speak rather than quick to listen and slow to speak?
- What unspoken expectations have shaped my anger or disappointment?
- Am I truly listening to God's Word? What specific scriptures do I need to reflect upon?
- How might my pride be hindering me from obeying God's Word or receiving God's healing?
- Where do I need to humble myself so that God can act in my life?

*Guided Prayer:*

*Thank God for the healing He offers in Jesus. Praise Him for the ways He has healed you and met you in your difficult situations in the past. Repent of any ways that you have been slow to listen, quick to speak or quick to become angry. Ask Him to help you live out James 1 by being humbly quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Thank Him for His mercy. Commit your ways to Him. In Jesus' name, Amen.*