

## 2 Kings 5:10-14

*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." 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.' 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. 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'?" So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

We all have a tendency to want to do big things for the Lord. But the question is, what is big to the Lord

- Is it a crusade where there are thousands of people in a stadium hearing the word of God?
- Is it hundreds of people being saved?
- Is it healing a blind man or raising the dead?
- Is it selling millions of worship CD's
- Is it a huge church building?

We all have our own ideas what doing something big for the Lord is. Yet, reading today's devotional verses, it is not a matter of quantity or something mind blowing. Rather it's in trusting in the Lord!

Here Naaman wanted Elisha to personally come to him and heal him, he wanted the big guy, Elisha, not some messenger or servant of Elisha. Naaman also thought that if he was to dip in a pool of water to be healed, that he wanted it to be one of the finest bodies of water in his own hometown or country. But if you think about it, wasn't Naaman wanting God to do things his way and not God's way?

Sometimes the Lord asks us to do simple things that will have great results, but we doubt the Lord because it doesn't seem big enough for such a big God. Sometimes... or I should say a lot of times, we tend to think we know better than God on how He should take care of this thing or person we are praying for; therefore, we instruct God what to do, even though God has already shown us, or has even told us what He wants us to do, kind of like Naaman.

Yet, God does not need the big fanfare to make His way known, because if you want to see God's big fanfare, look at the skies, into the heavens and even here on this earth and see the awesome, huge things HE created and has done, which testify of His glory.

**Psalm 19:1** *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*

But God does not always want or need to do that in our lives to make Himself known to us. Sometimes it's the simplest things that makes the biggest impact.

† **1 Kings 19:11-12** *Then He (GOD) said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. ' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.*

So stop looking for God in the big things, if you can't trust Him in the little things. Ask the Lord to open your eyes and ears this week so that you can see the simple things He has for you to do, or so that you can hear that still small voice, then be obedient to Him!

† **Luke 16:10 (NLT2)** *If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.*