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THE RIVER YOU DIDN'T WANT

What happens :

When God's _____ doesn't look like your _____?

We need God to do what we _____ do for ourselves.

1. YOU CAN LOOK _____ AND STILL NEED A SAVIOR

- A. Naaman he could not command his body to be healed.
- B. Looking strong does not mean you have no _____.
Admitting your need does not make you _____.
- C. The servant girl knew where to point a _____ person.
- D. You don't have to be _____ in the eyes of the world to be _____ in the hands of God.
- E. Your circumstances do not have to _____ your witness.

2. GOD'S GIFT CANNOT BE _____ OR CONTROLLED

- A. The person with the highest _____ did not have the power Naaman needed.
- B. Naaman wanted healing, but he also wanted _____ over the process.
- C. His personal _____ nearly cost him the healing he came to receive.
- D. You cannot receive God's gift while _____ on your own way.
- E. When God's Word is clear, will I obey even when it _____ my pride?

3. HUMBLE FAITH TAKES THE STEP IN _____ OF IT

- A. A _____ heart can receive help that pride would reject.
- B. Where are you struggling to surrender your own way?
- C. The greatest outcome is knowing _____!

4. JESUS OFFERS A _____ WE CANNOT GIVE OURSELVES

Mark 1:40:41 NLT

"If you are _____, you can heal me and make me clean."

- A. Jesus came to do what we could never do for _____.
- B. Will you trust Jesus enough to _____ your own way?

Follow-Up Study (Do alone or with others)

- o When was there a time you received good advice that you initially resisted. What helped you reconsider?

Read : 2 Kings 5:1-15

1. SUCCESS IS NOT ENOUGH

- A. Why is it sometimes difficult to admit we need help, especially when others see us as capable?
- B. What stands out to you about the servant girl's concern for Naaman?
- C. How can we point someone toward Jesus without feeling responsible to solve every problem?

Application

Identify one need you have been hesitant to bring honestly to God. Then think of one person you could encourage, pray for, or invite to church this week.

2. GOD IS IN CONTROL NOT YOU

- A. What offended Naaman about Elisha's response?
- B. How can we recognize the difference between honestly expressing disappointment to God and refusing to obey Him?
- C. Why can receiving grace be difficult for people accustomed to earning their accomplishments?
- D. Where might personal preference be competing with something Scripture clearly teaches?

Complete this sentence:

"Lord, I have been insisting on my own way concerning _____. Help me trust You and respond to Your Word."

3. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER

- A. What made the servants' appeal effective?
- B. Who has permission to lovingly challenge you when you are heading in the wrong direction?
- C. What is the difference between trusting God and treating obedience as a way to make God give us what we want?
- D. What clear step of obedience could you take this week—such as apologizing, forgiving, telling the truth, serving, or sharing your faith?

Application

Choose one specific step. Decide when you will take it, and consider asking a trusted believer to pray with you and follow up.

4. JESUS PAID THE DEBT WE COULD NOT PAY

- A. What does Naaman's story show us about God's mercy toward outsiders?
- B. How does Jesus' response to the man in Mark 1 encourage you to bring your need to Him?
- C. How would you explain the difference between earning salvation and receiving it by faith?

What need am I hiding? What expectation am I holding too tightly?

What step of obedience am I delaying? **Bring your need honestly to Jesus, receive His grace, and take one clear step of obedience.**