



UNLIKELY HEROES – Pt. 3  
The Victory Is In The Surrender

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1.      **Recognize your** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 5:1 (NLT)**, “The king of Aram had great admiration for **Naaman**, the **commander** of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great **victories**. But though Naaman was a **mighty warrior**, he **suffered from leprosy**.”

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2.      **Be open to** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 5:2-4 (NLT)**, “<sup>2</sup>At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a **young girl who had been given to Naaman’s wife as a maid**.<sup>3</sup> One day the girl said to her mistress, “I wish my master would **go to see the prophet in Samaria**. He would heal him of his leprosy.”<sup>4</sup> So **Naaman told the king** what the young girl from Israel had said.”

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3.      **Submit to** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 5:5-6 (NLT)**, <sup>5</sup>“Go and visit the **prophet**,” the king of Aram told him. “I will send a **letter of introduction** for you to take to the king of Israel.” So Naaman started out, carrying as **gifts 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and ten sets of clothing**.<sup>6</sup> The letter to the king of Israel said: “With this letter I present my servant Naaman. I want you to **heal him** of his leprosy.<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he **tore his clothes** in dismay and said, “**Am I God**, that I can give life and take it away? Why is this man asking me to heal someone with leprosy? I can see that he’s just trying to **pick a fight** with me.”<sup>8</sup> But when **Elisha, the man of God**, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: “Why are you so **upset**? Send Naaman to me, and he will learn that there is a **true prophet** here in Israel.”<sup>9</sup> So Naaman went

with his **horses and chariots** and **waited** at the **door** of Elisha’s house.<sup>10</sup> But Elisha sent a **messenger** out to him with this message: “**Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River**. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy. But Naaman **became angry** and stalked away. “**I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!**” he said. “I **expected** him to wave his **hand** over the **leprosy** and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me!”<sup>12</sup> Aren’t the **rivers of Damascus**, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? **Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?**” So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.”

<sup>13</sup> But his **officers** tried to **reason** with him and said, “Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something **very difficult**, wouldn’t you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says **simply, ‘Go and wash and be cured!’**”<sup>14</sup> So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and **he was healed!**”

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4.      **Have a** \_\_\_\_\_ **heart**.

<sup>15</sup> Then **Naaman and his entire party** went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and Naaman said, “**Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.**”<sup>16</sup> But Elisha replied, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, **I will not accept any gifts.**” And though Naaman urged him to take the gift, Elisha refused.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)**, “Always be **joyful**.<sup>17</sup> Never stop **praying**.<sup>18</sup> **Be thankful in all circumstances**, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

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