

Series: Unlikely Heroes

THE UN-NAMED MAID

2 KINGS 5:1-3

Text:

Introduction:

Naaman was a Gentile and the commander of the army of an enemy nation, but with all his prestige, authority and wealth, he was a doomed man.

Underneath his glorious uniform was the body of a leper, only the power of the God of Israel could heal him.

An individual that had leprosy was an individual that was doomed unless God healed them, as there was no medical cure for the disease.

What would Namaan do?

It appeared that all hope was lost. Not only was his career over but ultimately his life would be over. However, there is someone in this household who was willing to speak up, not only out of a love for her master, but out of a love for God.

Note:

1. SHE HAD CONCERN FOR NAAMAN

This young girl had been carried away captive. She was far from home. Away from her friends, her family and how does she react.... She could have said, “Good enough for him, he deserves leprosy....”

This young maid was a great example of how God can use His children even when they find themselves in a less than desirable circumstance. She could have been a very bitter captive, but instead she allowed the “Light of the Lord” to shine in the household of her captors.

She must have been raised in a home that taught her to believe in the Lord just as Daniel did while in captivity in Babylon. Notice what Clarke had to say about this little maid: “And see the benefits of a religious education! Had not this little maid been brought up in the knowledge of the true God, she had not been the instrument of so great a salvation.”

She didn't hate this man who had captured her; she only saw his need - What a lesson for Christians.

John 4:35

³⁵ *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

Time is running out – the fields are white for harvest – there are people dying and going to hell every second of every day. What are we doing? Are we like the maid – willing to speak up for the Lord? Willing to point people in His direction?

God doesn't necessarily use the knowledgeable person, or the talented person, or even the pious person, but will always use the willing person.

One survey reported the top reasons why people do not reach out to others as follows:

- I Don't Know Enough

Note the contrast between the woman of Samaria and the disciples. The disciples had also been touched by Jesus. They had also been privileged to spend countless hours and days enjoying intimate fellowship with the Master. Yet, this woman, who had only spent a few moments with Christ, went to the same village the disciples had visited only moments before, and shared her story, while they had kept quiet. God doesn't necessarily use the knowledgeable ones, but He always uses the willing ones.

Acts 4:13

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant

men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

- I Don't Know Any Non-Christians

You know more than you think.

The lost are all around us, even as they were all around the disciples. That's the point that Jesus made in verse 35. No doubt, our Lord said this as He gestured toward the crowd that was coming toward them as a result of the woman's invitation!

- My Walk With God Isn't All It Should Be

You don't have to be a spiritual giant in order to share your faith. You just have to be willing.

Many probably questioned the wisdom of God in allowing this young girl to be carried away as a slave. He had her here at the perfect time to accomplish His work. Thank God for people with a heart for others.

Note not only did she have "Concern for Naaman" but also note:

2. SHE HAD CONFIDENCE IN GOD

2 Kings 5:3

³ *And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! **for he would recover** him of his leprosy.*

She knew what God could do! Thank God for those who believe in a BIG God! Too many have a little, weak, God!

This young maid had that confidence in God, she knew that nothing was impossible for the one who made the world in just six days.

She knew that nothing was impossible for the one who fed and clothed an entire nation for 40 years.

She knew that nothing was impossible for the one brought water from a rock, parted seas and made solid walls fall – even leprosy could be cured....,

Note not only did she have “Concern for Naaman” and “Confidence In God” but also note:

3. SHE HAD A CONFESSION FOR GOD

For this little maid to be credible, she had to have a testimony. Certainly her testimony added credence to her witness. She was able to speak and they listened. They heard what she had to say about the prophet that was in Samaria. She said with conviction that her master should go and see the prophet in Samaria and said with confidence that he would be healed.

She spoke out of her convictions. She was unafraid to simply speak out for the Lord – regardless of who the audience was.

How many times have we held our peace when we should have spoken up? How many times do we correct someone when they blaspheme in front of us? How many times do we confess God, not just with our lips but with our lives?

Remember:

2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

She was a light for the Lord in character and conduct in the midst of a dark world.!

Thank God for those who are willing to say a word for the glory of the Lord!

Close:

What Bible character best sums us up? Are we like this young maid? Her name is not mentioned... but she was not there to take any credit, she just wanted to point someone to the Lord.

Do we have a concern for people, lost and save?

Do we have confidence in God, or do we doubt Him and His Word?

Do we have a confession for God? How's our testimony?