



*The Little
Jewish Maid*

2 Kings 5:1-4

Meet Naaman

- ▶ **A decorated Syrian Captain**

- ▶ A great and honorable man
- ▶ A might man of valor

- ▶ **Facing his greatest enemy...**

- ▶ Disfiguring
- ▶ Dissociating
- ▶ Deadly

LEPROSY

- ▶ **Leprosy besieging his body**

- ▶ Encompassed by the disease
- ▶ Loosing all hope of escape
- ▶ Weakening and soon not able to fight it

Meet the Little Jewish Maid

- ▶ **Captured by Naaman in Israel**
 - ▶ Maid to Naaman's wife
- ▶ **Saw Naaman loosing his battle w/Leprosy**
 - ▶ Told Naaman's wife about a prophet in Israel
 - ▶ A prophet that could destroy Naaman's enemy
- ▶ **The Little Jewish maid made a big difference in Naaman's life**
 - ▶ She could have kept quiet and told no one
 - ▶ She could have let Naaman die

**But she did
none of these
things! WHY?**

1. Her Contentment

- ▶ She was, *“brought away captive out of the land of Israel.”* (**2 Kings 5:2**)
 - ▶ She had been ripped away from her family
 - ▶ Terror filled her heart & eyes filled with tears
 - ▶ Questions run through your mind?
 - ▶ Was she snatched while playing her yard?
 - ▶ Was she stolen from her bed in the night?
 - ▶ Did her mother/dad die trying to save her?
 - ▶ Answers not known, yet, we can be sure...
 - ▶ ...her capture was terrifying!!!
 - ▶ ...her capture was traumatic

Her Contentment

- ▶ **Took time to adjust to her new life in Syria**
 - ▶ No doubt, she longed for home,
 - ▶ Like Paul, she learned contentment
 - ▶ No doubt, she knew to be joyous
 - ▶ Like Paul she learned to be abased
 - Humbled, Humiliated, Lowered in status
 - ▶ No doubt she appreciated being filled
 - ▶ Like Paul she learned how to deal w/hunger
 - ▶ **1 Timothy 6:6-8, “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”**

**Phil. 4:
11-12**

Her Contentment: Lesson Learned

▶ Notice Her Demeanor

- ▶ **2 Kings 5:2**, *“...she served Naaman’s wife.*
 - ▶ She served rather than sulked
 - ▶ She comforted rather than complained
 - ▶ She thought of others rather than self

**Great example for Christian
CONTENTMENT**

Picture of Discontentment

It was spring, but it was summer they wanted,

The warm days, and the great outdoors.

It was summer, but it was fall they wanted,

The colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air.

It was fall, but it was winter they wanted,

The beautiful snow, and the joy of the season.

It was winter, but it was spring they wanted,

The warmth and the blossoming of nature.

When they were teens, it was adulthood they wanted.

When they were 20, it was 30 they wanted.

When they were middle aged, it was 20 they wanted.

When they retired, it was middle age they wanted.

When life is over, will anyone get what they wanted.

Jason Lehman, Age 14

2. Her Concern

▶ Her master (2 Kings 5:3)

▶ 2 Kings 5:3, *“And she said unto her mistress, If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! for he would heal him of his leprosy.”*

- ▶ She didn't delight in his disease
- ▶ She didn't delight in his agony & pain
- ▶ She was compassionate, not vindictive
- ▶ She wanted him to recover, not suffer
- ▶ She wanted him well, not to get even

▶ She had options, choices, decisions

- ▶ She could had just sat on the information
- ▶ Chose to be like the Good Samaritan, **Luke 10:33**

Her Concern-Lessons Learned

▶ Make a difference

- ▶ **Jude 22**, *“have compassion, make a difference.”*

▶ Be kind and tenderhearted

- ▶ **Eph. 4:32**, *“be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving...as Christ hath forgiven you.”*

▶ Do unto others...

- ▶ **Matthew 7:12**, *“whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them”*

▶ Pray for enemies; not wish them evil

- ▶ **Matthew 5:43-44**, *“Love your enemies, bless that that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you.”*

3. Her Confidence

- ▶ *“...if only my master...”, 2 Kings 5:3*
- ▶ **Her FAITH in God was never shaken**
 - ▶ **2 Timothy 2:19**, *“the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.”*
- ▶ **Her Faith was rooted and grounded**
 - ▶ **2 Timothy 1:12**, *“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”*
 - ▶ **Acts 20:24**, *“...in every city...bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself...”*

Her Confidence

- ▶ She was **CONVINCED** the prophet in Samaria could heal Naaman from leprosy
 - ▶ **2 Kings 5:3**, “...*the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy*”
 - ▶ So much **CONFIDENCE**, Naaman goes before the King of Syria for a leave of absence
- ▶ **Compare her faith with the king of Israel**
 - ▶ **2 Kings 5:4-8**, Who should have known God
- ▶ **Compare her faith with Naaman’s**
 - ▶ **2 Kings 4, 9-15**, Who knew not God, till now



Her Confidence: Lesson Learned

- ▶ **As the Apostles said to Jesus...**
 - ▶ **Luke 17:5**, *“increase our faith”*
- ▶ **We need to be fully persuaded that God can deliver what he has promised**
 - ▶ **Romans 4:21**, *“being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform”*
 - ▶ **John 6:69**, *“we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”*
 - ▶ **Hebrews 11:6**, *“must believe that he is, and a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*
 - ▶ **Hebrews 6:18**, *“impossible for God to lie”*

Conclusion of the Matter

▶ **The Little Jewish Maid had:**

- ▶ Contentment in her life
- ▶ Concern for others
- ▶ Confidence in God

**What
about you
and I?**

▶ **Comparative Passage to 2 Kings 5:1-4**

- ▶ **Matthew 18:2-3**, *“Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*



*The Little
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Made a Difference!*

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