

Members Notes #33

Elisha #5

TONIGHT'S PURPOSE: To emphasize how easy it is to be part of the solution/blessing, and unfortunately to be part of the problem when we are acting out of disobedience, selfishness, fear, lack of knowledge or unbelief.

The Healing of Naaman #2

Part of the solution or part of the problem (2 Kings 5:1-19)?

We all have the potential to be part of the process that brings about blessings and sadly the opposite is true. At one time or another, we all have been the bottleneck to a good thing the Lord wanted to do. Anyone who has been a Christian for very long (whether they realize it or not) has at times also been an unnecessary problem. Praise God for His grace and forgiveness!! For we all –including the writer of these notes– would be in trouble otherwise. I'm grateful for the accounts of Peter's - life one moment being a blessing and the next being a problem (Matt 14:22-33, 16:13-23; Gal 2:11-14). But because he was teachable and didn't give up, the times he got it right far outweighed his blunders. In the story of Naaman, we find nine players in the drama.

The Players in the Drama

Brief Description

Namaan

The courageous general who was leprous, he had to humble himself to seek healing from the God of his enemies – the Israelites

Young Slave Girl

An Israelite taken captive to Syria and though stolen away from her family at an early age, served her slave masters loyally.

Namaan's Wife

Wise and loving wife who was willing to listen to her subordinate and pass on good advice.

King of Syria

The caring superior

King of Israel

The fearful leader with little faith or trust in God

Elisha

A man who feared God and did not show partiality/favouritism to anybody.

Servants of Naaman

The faithful servants who knew how to "upward manage" their superior

Gehazi

The low paid employee who thought he deserved better?

The Lord

Works in mysterious ways. Willing to trust the outworking of His plan to eight people, all of whom had the power to wreck the whole thing.

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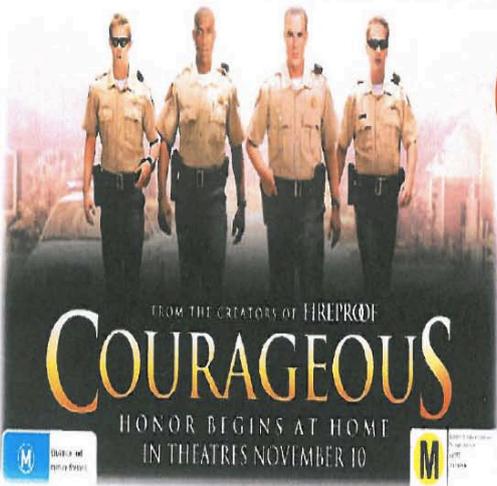
- Q.1** Which players in the drama was part of the solution? Which players could have potentially derailed the purposes of God? Is it possible to unwittingly be a part of the solution one minute and a problem the next? What were the underlying character qualities that enabled the good guys to be part of the blessing?
- Q.2** What were the probable underlying character deficiencies that were betrayed by the actions of the King of Israel and Gehazi?
- Q.3** Keeping in mind that we are not told anything more about Namaan after his meeting with Gehazi, what are some possible negative consequences that may have happened as a result of Gehazi's actions?
- Q.4** Who is the biggest hero of the good guys? And why?

Works Time Hey, why don't you take time tonight to go over again what an act of kindness is and how this is our model of witnessing. Then ask for testimonies of acts of kindness your people are doing for their Oikos!

Announcements

A great opportunity is coming up to witness to your Oikos. A Christian movie is coming for one week only to 3 local Hoyts theatres in Melbourne, the movie is very high quality and has a clear but tasteful gospel message woven into an exciting and entertaining movie. Take advantage of this wonderful, easy and effective opportunity to minister to family and friends. The times and theatres are in the advertisement below. The movie trailer can be viewed here

<http://www.courageousthemovie.com>



COURAGEOUS

IS COMING TO THESE CINEMA'S ... MAKE PLANS TO SEE IT!!!!

1 WEEK ONLY

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