

## 2 Kings 5:1-19

Title: Far Reaching Grace

Main Point: The work of God's grace reaches farther than any human can imagine.

God's grace works by...

1. Shining into human darkness (1-5)
2. Extending beyond human ability (6-7)
3. Deeply offending human pride (8-13)
4. Completely changing human nature (14-19)
5. Requiring no human payment (14-16)

Application: Experience the peace of God by simply receiving His grace.

Cross References:

2 Kings 1:17

Isaiah 53:1-5

Luke 4:16-30

John 14:6

Romans 5:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Additional Resources

Dale Ralph Davis, "International Grace" (<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=2191723323410>)

Discussion Questions:

1. Naaman was an honorable man who held a respectable position, was successful in all his endeavors, and had the respect of those around him. In other words, he had it all – including leprosy. Do you know anyone like this? Someone who is highly successful yet is separated from God due to their sin? How does the far-reaching power of God's grace give you hope for this type of person?
2. What stands out to you concerning the testimony of the little girl in vv.2-3? Why is her testimony so amazing? What does this teach you (and your children) about how God reveals His grace to unbelievers? Who has God strategically placed you (or your family) around to have a positive testimony for Christ?

3. How was Naaman offended by the offer of God's grace? How might the message of the gospel be offensive to us? Why does Paul consider the word of the cross to be "foolishness" in 1 Corinthians 1:18? Why should this be encouraging?
4. By washing in the river, Naaman's physical condition was changed. But what changes took place to his spiritual condition? How was his life completely different as a result of his encounter with God's grace? How have you seen this to be true in others who received the grace of God?
5. Why is it important for us to understand the God's grace is completely free? Why is that difficult for us to accept? If you have time, read 2 Kings 5:19-27. How does God respond to those who manipulate his grace?