

## Did God Really Say That?

Should the way of Jesus be the only real choice for us? Is it bad for us to believe Jesus and also have a plan "B" in case His way doesn't work? We must wrestle with how the idea that following Jesus just until His way doesn't "work" undermines and dismantles our faith.

Scripture(s): 2 Kings 5:1-14

Remember this - We are truly ready to follow God when His way becomes our \_\_\_\_\_ choice.

Observations of this passage:

1. Naaman was a man worthy of distinction and \_\_\_\_\_ in a pagan land.
2. A young Jewish slave (a spoil of war) feels \_\_\_\_\_ compassion for Naaman.
3. The king of Aram respected Naaman so much that he sent him to be healed by a foreign king and a foreign \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The king of Israel is in such a poor spiritual state that he cannot receive Naaman's letter of introduction in the spirit it was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Elisha rebukes the king of Israel for his lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Elisha's simple command to bring about Naaman's healing is received with \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Naaman's servants ask him a \_\_\_\_\_ question.
8. God heals Naaman as he \_\_\_\_\_ Elisha's command.

\*\*\*\* What does this passage show us about faith?\*\*\*\*

I. The first season in which real life and real faith collide and faith then calls us to choose God's way is when life is \_\_\_\_\_. Faith calls us to consistently have God's \_\_\_\_\_ for those around us all the time. Philemon 1:10-16

II. The second season in which real life and real faith collide and faith then calls us to choose God's way is when human \_\_\_\_\_ are at their highest. Faith calls us to see the problems and struggles of life as opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:12-14

III. The third season in which real life and real faith collide and faith then calls us to choose God's way is every time God's way looks \_\_\_\_\_. Faith calls us to trust that God is the truly dependable giver of \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 3:3-4 3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? 4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

Our challenge: Live by faith rather than sight especially when you have every reason \_\_\_\_\_ to.

Consider this with God:

1. Do I let the unfairness of life give me an \_\_\_\_\_ to compromise in how I view and treat others?
2. Can I come to a place that I can see what You can \_\_\_\_\_ through my struggles?
3. Do I reject living in faith this way because I think it looks \_\_\_\_\_? Am I judging \_\_\_\_\_ way of doing things, God?

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