

# Overcome Pride or You May Miss the Miracle

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**Naaman was a great man...but flawed.**

**Naaman was a pride-filled man.**

Naaman was a man of reputation.

Naaman was a man of resources.

**There was a child of God...yet enslaved.**

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I believe she may have asked these three questions:

1. **Where am I?**
2. **How did I get here?**
3. **What am I to do?**

**God was using what seemed to be an awful situation and turned it into something good! There was nothing about her situation that she could change!**

**A mighty healing...but in an unacceptable way.**

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**Naaman was also a man of reason.**

**Naaman did not accept Elisha's terms of healing; to him it was foolishness.**

*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* **Acts 4:12**

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.* **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

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