

I But he was a leper

A Who he was - Commander of the Syrian Army

Great and honorable man in the eyes of his master mighty man of valor.

Like – Eisenhower

Like – Gideon Judges 6:12

Romans 12:3 Let not a man think more highly than he ought

Ecclesiastes 2:11 Our work is vain

B LORD had given him victory in Syria

Daniel 2:21 He works in lives of men like Naaman.

Isaiah 45:7 He is sovereign over his creation.

Proverbs 22:1 He was an honorable man in the eyes of his master.

C He had a problem... He was a leper

The term leprosy follows the Greek word Lepra and the Hebrew Tsaraat In it's most basic meaning it denotes serious skin disease

In the Bible leprosy is a vivid visible metaphor for sin and all of its gruesome effects upon men and women made in God's image

Romans 3:23 All have sinned.

Psalm 14:1-3 We have all been corrupted (infected).

D Leper is an outcast –

Isaiah 59:2 Our sin separates us from God.

Romans 8:35 What can separate from the love of God?

Revelation 21:8 Sin leads to a second death

Ephesians 2:13 Sin keeps us far away from God.

E Leprosy leads to death.

Romans 5:12 Sin has spread to all

Leviticus 13:45-46 A Living death

James 1:5 Sin leads to death

F A Little Missionary -

She Loved her enemy

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| Matthew 5:44 | Love your enemies. |
| Romans 12:14 | Bless those who persecute you. |
| Acts 7:60 | Stephen is another Biblical Example. |

She had genuine FAITH

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| Exodus 15:26 | The God who heals |
| Matthew 14:36 | A Healing faith |
| John 14:14 | If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. |

II Not by Works

Like many non-Christians he thought he could bargain with God

A He thought he could name drop salvation

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| Acts 10:34-35 | God shows no partiality. |
| Romans 10:12-13 | Salvation is not based on nationality. |
| James 1:1-7 | The church is to not show partiality. |

B He thought he could pay for salvation.

Ten talents of silver six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing

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| Matthew 19:23-26 | The Kingdom of God is not purchased by wealth |
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C Before God we all stand as sinners or saints

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| Acts 10:34 | God is no respecter of persons. |
| Luke 16: 19-31 | Look at the Rich man and Lazarus. |

III Wash and be clean

The Man Once you have been in the presence of God; popularity does not impress you.

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| Romans 10:14-17 | The world needs preachers. |
| Jeremiah 1:7 | Speak what God told you to. |
| Ezekiel 2:6-8 | Speak no matter what the message is. |

The Message

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| Wash is the Jordan | |
| I Corinthians 15:1-4 | Christ died for us |
| Romans 5:8 | While we were sinners Christ died for us |
| II Corinthians 5:14-19 | Christ died to make us new. |

The Method

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| Acts 4:12 | Neither is there salvation in any other |
| Hebrew 10:22 | Having our bodies washed in pure water |
| Isaiah 1:16-18 | The cleaning agent of the Bible |
| Titus 3:5-6 | Not by works but by washing |

IV A changed life

A There is only one God – Deuteronomy 6:4-5

He was prepared to go public with his faith in the LORD.

He did this first by immersion in water, then by confession with the mouth.

B No misunderstanding – Salvation is not purchased

Ephesians 2:8-10

He was prepared to lay money at the feet of the prophet, but the answer is still no.

C Sacrifice to God and God alone

Jonah 2:9 The believer will pay that which he have vowed.

He was prepared to become a worshiper of the Lord.

Romans 12:1-2 The believer becomes a living sacrifice.

He Yielded himself to the service of the one true God, Yahweh.

D All other god's are put away

I Timothy 2:5 There is only one God to worship

He was prepared to abandon all old gods for the Lord.

He knew that he could not love Yahweh and bow to Rimmon at the same time.