



# Pastor's Comments

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## You Have To Go Down!

Recently I preached on Naaman's miraculous healing from leprosy and his marvelous conversion picturing the gospel message of salvation by God's grace through faith. I titled the message "**You Have To Go Down!**" from 2 Kings 5:14 **"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."** Jesus made the point that there were many lepers in Israel at that time, but that only Naaman the Syrian was cleansed. Three things define the difference—**faith, humility, and obedience.**

**Faith:** Naaman **believed** the message that God would help him in his dire need and **he went** to Elisha.

**Humility:** Naaman, the **highly honored chief captain** of Syria's army, arrived at Elisha's house in his chariot. Accustomed to royal treatment, he **felt slighted** when the prophet did not even come out to meet him and instead sent a messenger with simple instructions to, **"Go and wash in Jordan seven times."** Naaman rode away in a huff and fumed, **"I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place."** Like many today, Naaman had **his own thoughts** as to what Elisha should have **elaborately said and done**, but God declares **"My thoughts are not your thoughts"** (Isaiah 55:8). Once Naaman understood the folly of his pride, **he humbled himself** and we read, **"Then went he down."** This **symbolizes the surrendering of his pride and self-will.** If you want to come up **"clean"** and transformed like Naaman, **you have to go down!**

**Obedience:** Naaman's dipping **"seven times"** pictures his **full obedience to God.** **"Seven"** is the number of **completion and perfection.** If you need healing, salvation, or want to be able to say of God with Naaman, **"now I know,"** you have to **humbly surrender to God and fully obey Him! You have to go down!**

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