

Accepting Healing with Obedience

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💖 **Accepting** healing is the same as accepting Jesus into your life: to receive something willingly or with readiness. Fully approving and welcoming instructions. To embrace with assent and obedience.

Luke 4:24, 27 And he (Jesus) said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

(he spoke about a widow that accepted Him and ...) 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed (or healed), saving (except) Naaman the Syrian.

1. Welcoming Jesus into your life and situation is to embrace, accept, and receive Him.
2. What if welcoming, receiving, and accepting healing could also mean complying with or following the guidance, commands, directions, or instructions of the Lord?

Jesus is the Great Physician. He is the Healer, so accepting healing is just simply accepting Him.

💖 **Naaman** ~ *II Kings 5:1-5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."*

Obedience Begins with Listening

1. In the Bible, Obedience and listening are inseparable

Hebrew word "Shema" means to hear, but not just with your ears. It means to understand and act on what is heard. To hear with response.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Vs. 9-16 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he

says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" **14** So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Obedience is Not a Self-Directed Choice

1. In Bible terms Obedience is not doing what you want to do but doing what God says to do.

It stands in direct contrast to a self-centered choice

Genesis 22:18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

It means adjusting and changing one's behavior to match God's words and will

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16 But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

Obedience is a Matter of Trust

1. Obedience and trust are inseparable. Trust is the heart's confidence in God's character and promises.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

It's Aligning with God's will.

💖 Proverbs 4:13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

Obedience is the lived-out response to trust.