

## NAAMAN – “*The Rest Of The Story*”

**INTRODUCTION:** Naaman was healed of leprosy – 2 Kings 5:14

5:15 – Naaman offers Elisha gifts – 5:6

5:16 – Elisha refuses Naaman’s gifts ... he wanted GOD to be seen in the miracle, not Elisha.

5:17 – Naaman wanted “*dirt*”, so he could set up a place of worship in Syria, to worship Jehovah God ... he was a “*changed*” man.

5:18 – Naaman was obligated to accompany his King to the false worship ceremonies of the god of his King.

- We can’t “*isolate*” ourselves from the world – 1 Thess. 5:22

5:19 – Naaman leaves Elisha ... in “*peace*”.

5:20 – Gehazi is Elisha’s servant ... seen in Chapter 4.

- GREED ... enters into Gehazi’s heart.

- Gehazi could probably JUSTIFY his actions.

5:21-22 – Gehazi is LYING to Naaman, but Naaman is glad to give to Elisha’s ministry.

5:23 – Naaman is being generous ... about 150# of SILVER – 5:5

- Gehazi didn’t want to appear too greedy ... it was pre-meditated.

5:24 – Gehazi want to hide the “*loot*”.

- If you have to “*hide*” something from someone, is it usually the right thing to do?

5:25 – Servants were dismissed by the Master, and Elisha hadn’t dismissed Gehazi.

- Gehazi lies to Elisha ... trying not to get caught!

5:26 – Gehazi gets caught in his lie ... Elisha knows what Gehazi WANTS TO DO with the “*loot*”.

- God is Omniscient ... He’s always watching ...

He always KNOWS ... you can’t fool GOD ...

you don’t get away with anything!

5:27 – There’s a punishment for the crime ... and, it’s

“*passed down*”, affecting future generations – 1 Timothy 6:10

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Is it worth it ... to be UN-TRUE, TRUE ... to God?

- It’s better to walk with God, than with Satan.