

# Known Only to God

## “Unexpected Opportunities”

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:1-14

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#### Introduction:

- When you serve God, you will find the answer to ... “Who AM I?”
  - **Colossians 4:5**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:1-14**
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#### 1. When the Unexpected Happens:

- a. The courageous young servant girl can be easily overlooked.
- b. We don't know much at all about her or her life.
- c. We don't even know her name.
- d. **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:2**
- e. Naaman, was the Commander of the Army of Aram.
- f. Naaman has a major problem ... He has leprosy.
- g. **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:3**
- h. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:27**
- i. This young slave girl never uses the cure for him, as a bargaining chip for her.

#### 2. We get Unexpected Results:

- a. I am going to paraphrase ... **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:8** ... *“What is up with you brother ... why are you so upset ... send Naaman to me and he will see that there is a real prophet ... for a real God ... here in Israel.”*
- b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:10**
- c. Naaman has too much pride, and because of his pride, he is about to walk away from a ONCE in a lifetime display of God's power. He is about to blow it.
- d. Does that sound familiar?
- e. Imagine the scene for a moment ... All the men standing on the banks of the Jordan, *“What will happen on the seventh time down?”*
- f. **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:14**
- g. **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:15**
- h. *“Heroes are people who rise to the occasion, and slip quietly away.” – Tom Brokaw*

#### 3. From People we Least Expect:

- a. Who is the Naaman in your life?
- b. Open your eyes and look at what God is putting in front of you ... Look with faith!

