

Speak Helpful Words

(2 Kings 5:1-15)

How can I make a difference in someone else's life by what I say?

Speak Timely Words (2 Kings 5:1-3)

1. How might you define a “timely word”?
2. What was the slave girl's relationship to Naaman?
3. Read Luke 6:27-28. What New Testament precepts are evident in the words of the slave girl? What do the slave girl's words and actions tell us about her nature?
4. From what source did her strength come?

Use Reassuring Words (2 Kings 5: 4-8)

1. How do Elisha's words provide a message of hope to the king of Israel? To Naaman? Where did Elisha find his source of confidence?
2. What is comforting about the fact that God does not care about the social, monetary, political, etc. status of those He wants to demonstrate His love and grace?
3. What words of reassurance have helped you in the past? (state examples)
4. Do you find speaking reassuring words difficult or easy? Why?

Offer Instructive Words (2 Kings 5:9-12)

1. Identify some possible reasons why Naaman was so “ticked off”!

2. Why is hearing the truth sometimes difficult?
3. Do you think we as Christians have the rite/authority to offer instruction to others? Why or why not?
4. What are some helpful principles to consider and apply *prior* to offering someone advice?

Give Encouraging Words (2 Kings 5:13-14)

1. Describe how the words of verse 13 were encouraging. Consider their relationship to Naaman, what might the servants actions say about their character?

Express Grateful Words (2 Kings 5:15)

1. What were Naaman's two responses after his healing? Which is the greater miracle, Naaman's healing or his testimony of belief in God? What would you say was Elisha's motive in helping Naaman?
2. What is comforting about the fact that God does not care about our social, monetary, political, or denominational status?

Care and Prayer: How might we help one another through prayer today?

Who is someone who has been helpful through their words in your life? [Take time to thank them this week]

Is there someone God would have you "speak helpful words" to this week?

LIFE Groups

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I ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
F ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
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