

## DGM Message Summary: A Little Girl and A General

### Takeaway:

Looking for a way to enhance your relationships at home, at work, and with loved ones? Some people are relationship oriented people; some are achievement people; some are power people... but if you want to succeed in life, you must determine people's priorities and connect to them through how they function. We must listen to others, and watch them, in order to learn about them and receive a connection with them that enables us to give to them, abundantly in God's love!

### Scriptural References:

- 2 Kings 5:1
  - Namaan was a great man because he connected with his master, and was a great soldier!
    - How did Namaan succeed?
  - Namaan knew that personal chemistry matters a whole lot in life. His relationship with the king that was mentioned before his hard skills
    - Soft skills come before hard skills.
- 2 Kings 5:2-3
  - Despite Namaan's handicap (leprosy), he was considered approachable.
  - Why would God give such a vessel of His plan, a handicap?
  - A little girl, who was taken captive, served Namaan's wife.
    - After seeing his handicap and living under his protection, she offered advice.
  - God allowed Namaan to have leprosy because it would become a lesson many could benefit from, including you and me!
- 2 Kings 5:7-14
  - Namaan listened to the little girl because he understood that people, no matter what station in life, matter.
    - He was also considerate of how others felt and was connected to them on a deeper level, a trust level.
  - Namaan got permission from his master, the king, to go and be healed through the direction of the prophet, Elisha.
    - Namaan got permission because he was a man of great character and his master trusted that he would return.
  - Namaan did everything right for awhile, but was rejected by the foreign king.
    - The king did not know or trust Namaan's intentions.
  - Elisha the prophet told Namaan directly what to do.
    - Namaan was too angry to listen.
  - Instead of being healed the minute that Elisha gave direction to Namaan, Namaan was healed later and God was still glorified.

### Key Points:

- Becoming competent in an area is great, but unless you learn to connect with people, you'll never grow in your role.
- Find how to connect to people.
- Some people are relationship oriented people; some are achievement people; some are power people...
  - If you want to succeed in life, determine people's priorities and connect to them through how they function.
- You can be the best at your job and not grow unless you adapt.
- We've got to be approachable and loving, no matter what our circumstances are.
- It's not about how comfortable we are, but about how comfortable we make others feel.
- Are you someone that can be trusted? Do you make people feel like you've got their best interest at heart?
- Sometimes, when we fall, we prevent God's blessings from coming into our lives at that time.
  - However, that doesn't mean we miss out on new blessings.
- We need to connect to people on a level that is genuine and trustworthy.
  - How do we do that?
    - By listening, watching, learning, receiving, and giving.
- We must listen to others, and watch them, in order to learn about them and receive a connection with them that enables us to give to them, abundantly in God's love!