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Character & Holiness

OVERCOMING PRIDE FOR MIRACLES

AT A GLANCE

BIG IDEA

The story of Naaman illustrates how pride can obstruct our path to healing and miracles. By examining biblical examples, we learn the importance of humility and total obedience to God. Discover how interconnected destinies and gratitude can transform your life into a brand new beginning.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

2 Kings 5:1-14

2nd Corinthians 5:17

Revelation 3:15-16

Romans 9:17

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Pride can prevent you from receiving God's miracles.
- Total obedience to God is essential for His blessings.
- Our destinies are often interconnected with others.
- Expressing gratitude is crucial for spiritual growth.
- God can give you a brand new beginning.

INTRODUCTION

Pride is a subtle yet powerful barrier that can prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's miracles. Through the story of Naaman, we see how humility and obedience are key to unlocking divine blessings. This study will explore how interconnected destinies and gratitude can lead to a transformed life.

SCRIPTURE READING

- **2 Kings 5:1-14** — Naaman's healing story shows the power of humility and obedience.
- **2nd Corinthians 5:17** — Illustrates the transformation into a new creature in Christ.
- **Revelation 3:15-16** — Warns against lukewarmness and emphasizes total obedience.
- **Romans 9:17** — Demonstrates God's power through Pharaoh's story.

KEY POINTS

1. THE BARRIER OF PRIDE — Pride can be a significant obstacle to receiving God's miracles.

In the story of Naaman, his initial reaction to Elisha's instructions was one of pride and anger. He expected a grand gesture for his healing, but the simple act of washing in the Jordan River was beneath him. This pride almost cost him his miracle. It is a reminder that pride can blind us to the simple solutions God provides.

- Reflect on areas in your life where pride may be hindering your spiritual growth.
- Consider how you react to God's instructions, especially when they seem simple or beneath you.
- Pray for humility to accept God's ways, even when they challenge your expectations.

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

2. THE POWER OF TOTAL OBEDIENCE — God requires complete obedience from us, which leads to His blessings. Naaman's healing was contingent upon his obedience to Elisha's instructions. Similarly, Revelation warns against being lukewarm in our faith, emphasizing the need for wholehearted commitment to God's commands.

- Identify areas in your life where you may be lukewarm in your faith.
- Commit to following God's instructions fully, even when they are challenging.
- Seek accountability from a trusted friend or mentor to help you stay obedient.

Scripture: Revelation 3:15-16

3. INTERCONNECTED DESTINIES — Our lives are often linked with others in ways that can lead to divine outcomes. The role of the slave girl in Naaman's story is a powerful example of how God uses people to fulfill His purposes. Her simple act of sharing information about Elisha led to Naaman's healing.

- Reflect on the people God has placed in your life and how they have impacted your spiritual journey.
- Consider how you can be a positive influence in the lives of others.
- Pray for opportunities to be used by God to help others experience His miracles.

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

KEY POINTS (CONT.)

4. GRATITUDE AND NEW BEGINNINGS — Expressing gratitude and embracing a new life in Christ can lead to a transformed existence. Naaman's healing was not just physical but also spiritual, as he acknowledged the power of the God of Israel. Similarly, 2nd Corinthians speaks of becoming a new creation in Christ, highlighting the importance of gratitude and transformation.

- Practice gratitude daily by acknowledging God's blessings in your life.
- Embrace the new identity you have in Christ and live it out in your daily actions.
- Share your testimony of transformation with others to encourage their faith.

Scripture: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

OBSERVATION

- What was Naaman's initial reaction to Elisha's instructions?
- How did the slave girl contribute to Naaman's healing?
- What does Revelation say about being lukewarm in faith?
- How does 2nd Corinthians describe the transformation in Christ?

INTERPRETATION

- Why do you think pride was such a barrier for Naaman?
- What does total obedience to God look like in practical terms?
- How can interconnected destinies play a role in God's plans?
- What is the significance of gratitude in spiritual transformation?

APPLICATION

- In what areas of your life might pride be hindering your spiritual growth?
- How can you ensure you are fully obedient to God's instructions?
- Who in your life has been instrumental in your spiritual journey?
- What steps can you take to live out your new identity in Christ?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for humility to overcome pride and receive God's miracles.
- Ask for strength to fully obey God's instructions in all areas of life.
- Seek God's guidance in recognizing and nurturing interconnected destinies.
- Express gratitude for God's blessings and transformation in your life.

NEXT STEP

Reflect on areas where pride may be hindering your spiritual growth and seek God's help to embrace humility and obedience.

CONCLUSION

Overcoming pride and embracing humility and obedience are essential steps toward experiencing God's miracles. By recognizing the interconnectedness of our destinies and expressing gratitude, we open ourselves to a transformed life in Christ. Let us commit to these principles and watch as God works wonders in our lives.

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