

How To Hold Fast Through a Storm?

***Part 2
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Questions #1 If you were President of the United States of America, what would you change and why?

(Have people pair up to share this question.)

Question #2 What did Naaman have to know or do to cause him to hold on to the hope of being healed?

Read 2 Kings 5:8-15

v.10 He had to believe the results were possible

v.10 He had to know the instructions/ orders of God

v.11 Realize God was sovereign/ God will do it anyway He pleases

v.11 Healing comes from God not man

v.12 He had to get beyond his reasoning

v.13 He had to humble himself

v.14 Obey the Word of the Lord, which was uncommon or undesirable

v.14 Obey even when it is hard

Question #3 Which of these observations have you seen people not do that caused them to give up on God's promises?

Question #4 What can you learn from Naaman that will cause you to hold fast in the midst of a trial?

2 Kings 5:8-15

So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

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