
Matthew | AMEN Bible Study 2022
Men After God's Own Heart

“Dependence”
2 Kings 5:1-14
January 27, 2022

Scripture Introduction:

I. **The Illusion of Control** (v.1; Matt 19:23-30; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Eccl 1:14; 2 Corinthians 1:9)

A. The Illusion (1a)

B. Severe Mercy (1b)

II. **The Function of Control** (vv.2-7; Matthew 6:25-33)

A. He Relied Upon Himself

B. He Tried to Manipulate God

III. **The Idol Exposed** (vv.8-13; 2 Corinthians 12:9)

IV. **The Idol Replaced** (v. 14; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 1:5; Proverbs 3:5-6; Philippians 4:6)

A. How?

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Discussion Questions
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Knowing:

1. What does 2 Kings 5 help you to understand about God?

2. What does the life of Naaman help you understand about yourself?

Being:

1. Why is it hard to trust God with places of concern in our lives?

2. God took Naaman to a place of weakness to expose and replace his idol of control (independence). What are places of weakness in your life? How might God want to use those places to drive you to Himself?

Doing:

1. How might the regular discipline of prayer and bible study help you become more dependent on God?

2. What are ways your small group and/or accountability partners can help you overcome your idols?