Read 2 Kings 5 Without Making God Follow Naaman's Script - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Separate what Naaman expected from what Elisha's messenger actually said. Keep the account's healing and confession distinct from a guarantee for present illness.

Hypothetical example: A parent checks useful guidance that arrived less formally than expected. No river, ritual or promised healing is prescribed for the family.

01 Notice the voices before the chariot arrives

List the speakers and the roles the account gives them.

Passage

People and roles

Situation we must not soften

02 Compare expectation with the message

Separate the messenger's instruction from Naaman's expectation.

Actual message

Naaman's expected scene

Servants' appeal

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03 Read the return as well as the washing

Read the healing, return, confession and refused gift together.

Reported response

Confession and gift response

Question for church teaching

04 Name a preference without calling it a promise

Identify a present preference without inventing a promised outcome.

Our preference

What was really promised

Appropriate next step