## **Core Values:**

## **Every Age is Important**

Where we have been so far:

- Everyone is welcome
- Our legacy begins with biblical truth
- Everyone needs to hear the gospel
- Every Christian needs to grow
- Every Christian is a minister

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. [a]

<sup>2</sup> Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.<sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

<sup>4</sup> Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents<sup>[□]</sup> of silver, six thousand shekel of gold and ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup> The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

<sup>7</sup> As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a guarrel with me!"

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

2 Kings 5:1-10 (NIV)

Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.

2 kings 5:15 (NIV)

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you." Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:7-8 (NIV)

The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old.

## Proverbs 20:29 (NIV)

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. Psalm 71:18 (NIV)

> They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, Psalm 92:14 (NIV)

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4 (NIV)

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