

Out of the Mouth of Babes

2 Kings 5:1-14

1. A display of _____ faith (v. 2-4)
 - a. Despite _____ circumstances
 - b. While a slave _____ for her master
 - c. With the humbling faith of a _____
2. Displays of worldly _____ (v. 4-7)
 - a. The king of _____ (Syria)
 - i. Use of _____
 - ii. Use of great _____
 - b. The king of Israel (King _____)
 - i. Rank _____ at an “impossible” situation
 - ii. No consideration of the God of _____
 - iii. Cannot look past his own _____/_____
 - iv. Cannot look past _____ angles
3. Display of _____ faith (v. 8-10)
 - a. _____ the times and the people
 - b. Grasping opportunities to _____ God
 - c. Following God’s _____
 - d. Mimicking God’s _____ of people
 - e. Offering God’s _____
4. Display of _____ faith (v. 11-12)
 - a. Easily angered when _____ is deflated
 - b. Easily offended when _____ are dashed
 - c. Easily detracted by _____ of grace
5. Display of _____ faith (v. 13-14)
 - a. What a _____ Word!
 - b. _____ to a simple request

And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'

Matthew 18:2-4

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

But the LORD said to Moses, 'If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again.' So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again.

Numbers 12:14-15

See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Deuteronomy 32:39

Follow-Up Quote

“But chip away at verse 2 and sense the personal tragedy in it. Were the girl’s parents killed in the Aramean’ raid? She was spirited off by raiders, never to return home again, never to see loved ones again, living the rest of her life in servitude in a foreign country (though one could have drawn a worse lot than working for Mrs. Naaman). What was it like when she was wrenched away that Thursday morning? Was she not scared out of her wits? When Israelites received their electric bills there would be no enclosure with a picture of this lass with the legend, ‘Have you seen this girl?,’ along with the date of her disappearance. No, she was gone for good – after probably the worst trauma of her young life. Whatever dreams she had of personal fulfillment or simply of life among family and village had been smashed. An, apparently, she was from a godly home, from a remnant family, for she knew of Elisha and had confidence that God’s power operated through the prophet (v. 3).

“And yet, in Yahweh’s providence, in this story everything hangs on this little girl, on her tragic servitude. Without her Naaman would never have been healed. *People are often brought into the kingdom of God at great cost to other people.*”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 86-87)