

Text: II Kings 5

Title: The Healing Power of God's Forgiveness

Introduction:

- Sensationalism
- Background

I. A Forgiven Witness: God's Power to Change A _____ Heart (vv. 1-4).

A. Life becomes _____ for a little girl (vv. 1-2).

B. A girl becomes _____ because of her _____ (vv. 3-4).

LIFE LESSON: God's great hand can cause you to triumph over bitterness through forgiveness.

II. A Foreign Worshiper: God's Power to Change an Idolatrous Heart (vv. 7-19).

A. An Impressive, Impossible Request (vv. 5-7).

B. A Faithless Idol Worshiper (vv. 8-13).

C. A Faithful God Worshiper (vv. 14-19)

LIFE LESSON: God's great hand can reach down, humble, and cleanse anyone.

III. A Fallen Worker: God's Power to Change a Greedy Heart (vv. 20-27).

A. A Positive Example (vv. 18-20).

B. A Negative Example (vv. 20-27).

1. The Temptation
2. The Trick
3. The Punishment