

AWKWARD.

Dr. Greg Tonkinson
May 4 & 5, 2024 #4

“GEHAZI”

II Kings 5:20-27

²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, “Is all well?” ²² And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’” ²³ And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.” ²⁶ But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? ²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

I. Introduction

A. Most sermons in this series will come from the _____ genre.

B. Big Idea: Your _____ cannot keep a _____!

II. Three Main Characters

A. Elijah’s Assistant/Disciple

- li. Asked for double-portion of Elijah's spirit (2 Ki 2:9)
- lii. Performed similar miracles as Christ (multiplying food, raising the dead)

B. _____

- i. Introduced to us in 2 Kings 4
- li. Gehazi was to Elisha like Elisha was to Elijah

C. _____

- i. Captain of army of the Arameans
- li. Strong, confident, respected leader, valiant warrior
- lii. Had the disease of leprosy

III. Application:

- A. Your righteousness allows God to use you
- B. Your righteousness moves the world closer to the Lord
- C. Your righteousness allows for authentic awkward conversations about sin

IV. Conclusion

- A. Matthew 16:24-26 - "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'"