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Topic: Where is the Witness?

Scripture text: 2 Kings 5:1-10

1. One of the reasons we have our Sunday worship service is to be a witness and testimony for the Lord. We also strive to be a good testimony everyday. If our testimony is absent or corrupted, the world cannot see who Christ is and what the gospel is about. They will not know the truth of the Bible. Likewise, Israel as a national witness, was supposed to be different from the other surrounding countries and be a witness for God.

2. Naaman was a successful general of Syria but he had leprosy, which was regarded as incurable. God used him to punish Israel for their disobedience. God also used the little maid from Israel to deliver Naaman. God can use anyone to accomplish His will and He has His purpose for everyone. We must never think that we cannot be of use to God. The little maid, though unnamed, is recorded in Scriptures because she testified for the Lord.

3. The king of Syria sent an urgent letter to the king of Israel and brought gifts along. This showed that he was desperate for Naaman to be cured. However, the king of Israel did not have a spiritual mind and thought that the king of Syria wanted to stir up a conflict. He did not see it as an opportunity to witness for the Lord. We must be an active witness for the Lord, not an absent witness. This is urgent because there is a lot of false teaching and false living today. We must stand for the truth and like Elisha, witness for the Lord.