THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INSIGNIFICANT II Kings 5:1-6

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PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS

- Some times we feel that we have and are far less than we realize.
- We look down on what God has given us or where He has placed us.
- We peek over the proverbial fence and conclude that what we have or who we are is insignificant (worthless)
- Just want to share a thought with you this evening ...

- Many are familiar with the story of Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, who was a leper
- We often recall with relative ease
 - Naaman (of course);
 - the prophet Elisha;
 - the command for Naaman to "wash seven times in the Jordan";
 - Naaman's immediate reaction about preferring the "better" rivers of Damascus (Abanah & Pharpar).
- However, few, if any, give the slave girl a second thought

- Based on human reflection and consideration, she was INSIGNIFICANT!
- •However, this INSIGNIFICANT being turns SIGNIFICANT, as she introduces Naaman to Elisha -- the man of God who would provide the prescription to cure Naaman of his socially disdainful condition.

- Do not allow anyone to ever make you feel that you have no worth or purpose.
- The challenge is for you to stand up, take inventory, and use the gifts and abilities God has given you (to advance His mission and become all that He has destined you to be).
- David declared, "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." Psalm 139:14

The Lord Even Had His Bout(s)

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness, and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. Isaiah 53:2

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

• Be added to the Lord's body -
Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7; Romans 10:17)

Believe (Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7)

Penent (Acts 2:29)

Repent (Acts 2:38)

Confess (Acts 8:36; Romans 10:10)

Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38) or

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

Be reconciled unto the Lord (I John 1:8-9); or

• Desire prayer. (James 5:16).

May GOD richly bless you!