

## Newsletter 28 June 2020

### PLAYBILL

#### **Minor Characters**

- The Servant Girl (vs. 2-5)
  - If not for her intervention, Naaman would not have been healed.
- Elisha's Messenger (v. 10)
  - If not for his faithful service, Naaman would not have been healed.
- Naaman's Servants (vs. 13-14)
  - → If not for their calm reasoning, Naaman would not have been healed.

Do you feel like a minor character in the theatre of life? Listen to Peter's sermon this Sunday (YouTube) on 2 Kings 5.

I remember as a child going to the beach with my cousin. We had recently bought a rubber dinghy and were excited to try it out. We got in, began to row out from the shore and soon found ourselves beyond the breakers. It didn't take long before we lost ourselves in a world of imagination. After what seemed only a few minutes, we looked back at the shore and to our horror discovered that we had been dragged by the current some distance away from where we had started! Fortunately, we hadn't been dragged out to sea or we would have found ourselves in real danger. After a few minutes rowing we got back to the beach and carried our dinghy the considerable distance back to where we had left our families.

Drifting can be dangerous. There is always a current that wants to pull us in this direction or that. Perhaps it's the current of popular opinion or our own personal desire. Or perhaps it's the current of materialism or lust. It's so easy to allow ourselves to be towed along or even dragged down by them, "take our eye off the land", and be lulled into a false sense of security. We never realize how far we've been carried until we make that choice to look up and see Jesus.

Hebrews 2:1 tells us, "So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it." The surest way to safeguard against drifting in a boat is to secure a firm anchor hold on the seabed. The surest way to secure ourselves against being taken along by the dangerous currents in this life is to secure ourselves firmly to Jesus and his truth.

Someone once said, "Sow a thought, reap an action. Sow an action, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character." Drifting away from Jesus starts in small ways with little thoughts that can soon gather momentum into actions and habits. So, it begins with keeping our thought-life under control as opposed to filling our minds with stuff that may drag us away from Jesus. As it says in Philippians 4:8, "Whatever is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable, think on these things".

God bless, Peter

#### Our Sunday Service:

Please join us (online!) for our Sunday Service. Go to Exwick Community Church's Youtube Channel, and find the Service for today. We'll gather at 11 am to 'share' as a family together. You can then sing along to the songs on the video, words below!

Good morning to you all,

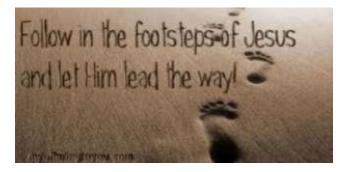
I've found myself thanking God for what I can do, where I can go, and who I can see, not the things I can't do.

So many have lost their lives through this terrible illness Covid 19; we keep hearing the words, "gone before their time." Jesus says in John 10:10: 'The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.'

As I look back over my life, I am amazed at the people and places that God has allowed me to visit, sharing the good news of Jesus. But at the moment I'm going nowhere. For some this has been a time of great frustration, TAKE HEART, the God who has led you in the past is the same God who will lead you again in the future.

Don't believe the devil's lies. Abundant life is the Father's promise for your future, as you walk in his footsteps.

God bless John & Dorcas.



#### **VERSE OF THE WEEK:**

We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

# SUNDAY Share and Chat

We'd love to have you join us after the Sunday



Morning Service on www.zoom.us

#### **Every Sunday 12:00 – 12:40 pm**

#### Click on this link:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75216716704?pwd= SGJJQnZYSktWL1J0MWZIVmdXc2svUT09

Meeting ID: 752 1671 6704

Password: 4icrwP

#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Hilary and Jimmy, John, Ena and Bunty, John and Jessie, Bill and Carol, Ann, Roger and Jonathan, for our Church Members Meeting next Sunday, wisdom as we consider how to do church with the easing of lockdown, for those feeling the frustrations of lockdown, and for the safety of the emergency services personnel who are called to deal with those frustrations.

# A Slave Girl Helps Her Sick Master 2 Kings 5

Naaman was a brave and powerful captein in the Syrian army. The sod thing about Naaman was that he had a sickness called leprosy. His wife's Israelite slave girl felt sorry for hor master and wished he could get better.

What did the little girl say Nasman should do to get better?

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2.3 5.5 44 42 32, 1.5 What did the prophet tell Norman to do?

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What happened when Naaman obeyed the prophet?

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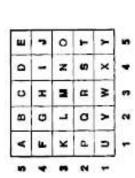
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Veil de Vries and Mary Currier, More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, Mr. Baker Books Publisher, 1999

Join in for a day of prayer city-wide Today, Sunday, 28th June, 8 pm https://www.southwestawake.com/

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#### **Sunday Worship Songs**

#### KING OF KINGS MAJESTY

God of heaven living in me Gentle Saviour closest friend Strong deliv'rer beginning and end All within me falls at Your throne

CHORUS: Your majesty I can but bow I lay my all before You now In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve Your majesty

Verse 2

Earth and heav'n worship You Love eternal faithful and true Who bought the nations ransomed souls Brought this sinner near to Your throne All within me cries out in praise

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#### THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU

No one else can touch My heart like You do I could search For all eternity long and find There is none like You

Your mercy flows like a river wide And healing comes from Your hands Suffering children are safe in Your arms There is none like You

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#### TAKE US TO THE RIVER

Take us there in unity
To sing a song of Your salvation
To win this generation for our King
A song of Your forgiveness
For it is with grace that river flows
Take us to the river
In the city of our God

Take us to Your throne room
Give us ears to hear
The cry of heaven
For that cry is mercy
Mercy to the fallen sons of man
For mercy has triumphed
Triumphed over judgement by the blood
Take us to the throne room
In the city of our God

CHORUS: (For) the Spirit of
The Sovereign Lord
Is upon us
This is the year of the Lord (x2)

And take us to the mountain
Lift us in the shadow of Your hands
Is this Your mighty angel
Who stands astride
The ocean and the land
For in His hand Your mercy
Showers on a dry and barren place
Take us to the mountain
In the city of our God

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