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“Eyes that see and ears that hear, the Lord has made them both.”

—Proverbs 20:12

House of PRAYER + HOUSE of PRAISE = House of MIRACLES

“Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. Naaman was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife.”

—2 Kings 5:1-3

Miracles almost always happen on the heels of a setback.

“Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.”

—2 Kings 5:4-5

“So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.” But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.”

—2 Kings 5:9-12

The reason so many of us MISS THE MIRACLES is because we want God to do OUR WILL, OUR WAY.

Most miracles TAKE LONGER than you originally planned, COST MORE than you had hoped for, and ARE HARDER than you originally thought.

“Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some GREAT THING,

would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy."

—2 Kings 5:13-14

If you want God to do the SUPER, you have to do the NATURAL.

God invites us to PARTICIPATE in our miracles.

"CONSECRATE yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do AMAZING THINGS among you."

—Joshua 3:5

Most miracles are on the other side of AWKWARD.

Or our REALITY adjusts to our THEOLOGY.

"Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant." The prophet answered, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord."

—2 Kings 5:15-17

FAITH for the FUTURE is a function of God's FAITHFULNESS in the past.

“I heard a LOUD VOICE shouting across the heavens: It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the AUTHORITY of His Christ. For the ACCUSER of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—who accuses them before our God day and night. They TRIUMPHED OVER HIM by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB and by the WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY.”

—Revelation 12:10-12