

OVERCOMING LIFE'S SETBACKS

2 Kings 5:1-15

— SETBACKS can be good, and God allows them to happen in our lives, first to change us from within - to change our hearts and characters; and then for us to realize that He is all that we ever need.

PRINCIPLES TO APPLY WHEN SETBACKS HAPPEN

A. God Is Our Only Way – _____ Him (Verses 2-5)

- God uses crises in life to wake us up and help us see what truly matters in life.
- The crisis Naaman was in led him to the God of Israel.
- **God meets us in our time of need.**
- Setbacks make us realize that what we truly need in this life is God, and more of Him.

B. God's Way Is Different From Ours – _____ to Him (Verses 9-12)

- God is not just concerned with solving our problems, but He is more concerned with developing in us faith, obedience and humility.
- God uses setbacks as a tool to create submission in us, so that we can learn what it means to obey His will and not our own.
- We need Christian friends who will come alongside us in times of setbacks and crises. (**Verse 13**)

C. God's Way Is Faith – _____ Him (Verses 14-15)

- You can trust God. Never mind if you do not understand everything; do as He says.
- Naaman's eventual faith in God caused him to be healed and be saved. (**Luke 4:27**)

There are times when the Lord allows us to lose the things we hold dear in our lives - position, possession, health, and even people (where we put our security in) so that we will realize that God is ultimately all that we truly need, and the only one we can depend on.