THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

1. WHAT ARE THE STEPS?

- A. Hear: the good news about Jesus
- B. Believe: Jesus can save me
- C. Repent: change our direction
- D. Confess: Jesus is Lord & was raised
- E. Baptism: buried in water
 - i. It's steps not a checklist
- F. 2 Kings 5:1-15a

2. NAAMAN NEEDED SAVING

A. He was sick

- i. Others saw he was sick
- ii. We must see there is something wrong
- iii. We must come to the point of realizing we are lost before we can truly be saved

B. Christ is the foundation for salvation

- i. Christ can heal us and Him alone
- ii. Christ's death and resurrection is why salvation is available
- iii. That is the "Good News"

3. NAAMAN HEARD

A. This is a process

- i. How many times does it take us to truly hear something?
- ii. We really listen when we are in need

B. 1st time didn't listen

- i. Naaman heard the girl but went to the king of Aram
- ii. The king then sent word to the king of Israel
- iii. Wrong sources

C. 2nd time didn't listen

- i. Naaman heard what Elisha's messenger said but didn't listen to it
- ii. By Naaman not listening to the messenger, he didn't listen to Elisha, whose message was given to him by God
- iii. It takes time and sometimes it will be frustrating

D. 3rd time he did

- i. Naaman listened to his servants
- ii. They must've been terrified
- iii. The servants still spoke

4. NAAMAN HUMBLY BELIEVED & OBEYED

A. Repented

- i. He literally changed his direction
- ii. There was change made and without that change he knew he wouldn't be saved
- iii. There must be a shift in our minds

B. Obedience is key

- i. It wasn't about washing in the Jordan, it's about if he was willing to obey
- ii. If we can't obey The Lord, then do we truly want to be saved
- iii. Naaman realized he couldn't save himself, so he obeyed

C. Confessed

i. Vs 15, Naaman also recognized God!

5. SALVATION IS AVALIBLE TO ALL

A. It's a process

- i. It's not perfection it's a direction
- ii. When we are in Christ, we aren't perfect but it's a constant working in that direction
- iii. Step by Step. The Steps of Salvation!
- B. You must realize you need saving & you will then listen to what you must do
- C. When you listen to what you are told you must do to be saved, HUMBLY OBEY!