

LEFT BEHIND

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THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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When we have already entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and have experienced His goodness, mercy, and deliverance, or have even reserved our spots in eternity in heaven, then we should not want anyone else to be left behind. Let us renew our commitment to the Lord to spread the good news especially to those who still do not know the Lord and have been missing God's promises and blessings.

1. **A message of Hope and Life.** During a devastating, siege in Samaria, the prophet Elisha declared a miraculous word from the Lord: within 48 hours, the famine would end and food would become abundant and affordable (2 Kings 7:1). Similarly, today, God can radically transform our impossible circumstances and reverse our deepest despair in His perfect timing. Even in the darkest seasons, God can orchestrate a *"sudden turnaround."* And what looks logically impossible to us is a simple task for God. His promises are absolute and His word remains our anchor. We must choose to lean on His supernatural provision rather than our own limited understanding.

2. **The Lepers Got a Miracle.** The four (4) outcasts who faced certain death chose to take a step of faith. They chose action over resignation declaring: *"We'll go into the city'—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. If they keep us alive, we shall live, and if they kill us, then we die"* (2 Kings 7:4). When they arrived at the Syrian camp, they discovered that God had supernaturally caused the enemy to flee, leaving behind abundant food and supplies (2 Kings 7:5). Likewise, when we take a step of faith, we are assured that God has gone before us to prepare the way and provide abundantly. Let us give glory to God by letting people know.

3. **Two (2) Things A Lot of Us Still Do Today.**

3.1. The lepers started storing up all the blessings for themselves. Upon finding the abandoned food and treasures, the lepers initially indulged and hoarded the wealth (2 Kings 7:6). It is easy to experience a breakthrough from God and become self-consumed. When God blesses us with *"gifts,"* we can easily fall into trap of *"hoarding"* His grace, and we forget the dying world just outside our doors.

3.2. The lepers stopped, looked at each other and told each other *"What we are doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves."* The lepers soon realized their guilt; the Spirit of God moved their hearts and they were convicted. They began to think about the people in the city who were starving (2 Kings 7:8-9). God's blessings carry responsibility. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. His grace is not a personal reward but a testimony to be shared.

Conclusion:

God provides unexpected deliverance and grace in our times of need. We are entrusted with the ultimate good news (the Gospel) to share with a desperate world. As such, we should not keep the message of hope to ourselves when many are spiritually starving. We are enjoined to ascertain that no one is left behind.

Reflection:

What burdens has the Lord lifted off from your shoulders and how have you shared this good news to others?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, let our life become a channel of deliverance to others. Give us the gift of boldness and conviction to spread your Gospel especially to those who are spiritually thirsty and hungry. In Jesus' Name, AMEN!*

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