



# EMPTY PROMISES

## **Empty Promises - Rush to the Top**

When can you remember your first feeling of success? Tell us about it. What feelings did you have surrounding it?

What was your family's attitude towards success? How has that impacted you for good or for bad?

Define what most people think it means to be successful, be descriptive.

Do you agree with that assessment for your own personal definition of success? Why or why not?

How does personal success and achievement lead to a sense that we ourselves are god?

Read: 2 Kings 5:1-19

How does the author describe Naaman in 2 Kings 5:1?

Despite his wealth, power, and success, Naaman still had leprosy. How did all his achievement influence how he approached his disease?

Are we tempted, like Naaman to believe that if we just get the right person's support, pay enough money, or impress enough people that everything will be OK?

What does that say about our faith? How is it different than Naaman's?

Why did Naaman have to go through that process to be healed? Why was it important for him to do so?

How does this whole story highlight the availability of God's grace to everyone, no matter who you are?

Forgiveness is always costly for the giver. Why?

Imagine being the slave girl in the story. Her life had been wrecked by Naaman, and now she was the only one who could help him. What would your response have been? Why did she tell them about Elisha? How does her example point us to Jesus Christ?

According to Keller, what can be our usual reaction when we find ourselves at the bottom rung of the ladder? Share a time when you have reacted this way.

How does the example of the servant girl challenge you?

How can we break our heart's fixation on doing "some great things" in order to heal ourselves of our sense of inadequacy?

Naaman eventually humbled himself and went to the Jordan. How did Naaman's journey to healing assault his worship of success at every point?

Take time to close in prayer.

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