

Successful Submission Story

Naaman's Servants

2 Chron 16:1-10 - If Asa had asked God for help, He would have given Israel and _____ into the king's hand.

1 Kings 20:1-9 - Ahab had two battles with Syria, but instead of wiping them out he made a _____ with them.

Mistreated Influential Servant

2 Kings 5:1-19 The servant girl had _____ in God and Elisha.

She knew Elisha would be _____ and able to help Naaman.

She knew God would be willing and _____ to help Naaman.

The _____ for being wrong would have been too great.

2 Kings 2:19-25 He crossed the Jordan on _____ land.

He had two bears come out and kill 42 young people for mocking his _____ head.

He performed the miracle of the _____ jar for a widow, saving her sons from slavery.

He _____ a widow's son from the dead.

2 Kings 4:38-41 He _____ a pot of poison stew.

2 Kings 5:2 *The servant girl was suffering because of mistakes made by previous _____.*

The servant girl was not bitter even though she was a _____.

The text does say that _____ gave victory to Naaman.

1 Peter 2:13; 1 Peter 2:19-20; 1 Peter 3:4- All submission is ultimately submission to _____ and for God!

2 Kings 5:3-4 She did the only thing she could do. She told Naaman who could _____ him. **1 Peter 3:8-11**

Trusted Influencing Servants

2 Kings 5:9-14 Naaman's servants _____ him by giving him good advice.

Dan 4:23-27 _____ gave good advice to Nebuchadnezzar.

Gen 41:33-38 _____ gave good advice to Pharaoh.

1 Kings 1:11-14 _____ gave good advice to Bathsheba.

Abuse of Power

Ex 1:15-21 If any person possessing authority over us tells us to sin, we must obey _____ instead!

God blessed the midwives with families because they _____ Him.

Questions to Ask

- ▶ What are my motives?
- ▶ Is what I'm doing going to help anyone glorify God?
- ▶ Am I seeing the big picture? How can I fill in the gaps of my knowledge? Can I ask clarifying questions? Can I seek help from others in seeing the big picture? The servant girl might have seen Naaman as her savior not her captor.
- ▶ What about the future?

1. What are some practical ways we can submit to leaders (governments, bosses, husbands, elders, and each other 1 Peter 5:5) when we disagree with their decisions?
2. How can we give good advice, or communicate an opposing view, while maintaining a respectful attitude? How does that honor God?
3. What do we do when someone is overstepping the limits of their authority and asking us to do something we don't want to do?
4. How do these principles apply to companies or governments that require us to wear masks, social distance, quarantine, or get vaccinated? How do we handle those disagreements within our local church?