Sermon: (*based on 2 Kings 5,1-14*)

Do you watch talent shows (Britain’s Got Talent, etc)? What magicians do can seem impossible!

There’s some impossible & a lot of improbable in 2 Kings 5.1-14. Explain.

Naaman must have thought Elisha’s solution was impossible, yet went ahead anyway.

Let’s go through the story and see the slender chain which led to Naaman’s healing.

[1] Naaman had a Jewish slave-girl as a maid for his wife.

[2] That slave-girl had heard of Elisha, and said something to her mistress.

[3] Naaman’s wife must have given enough credence to the idea and told Naaman.

[4] Naaman (in desperation?) told his king.

[5] That king sent a message to Israel’s king, and Naaman took gifts.

[6] The King of Israel saw the letter/money as an impossible threat designed to provoke war.

[7] Elisha heard about it, and told the king he would deal with it.

[8] Naaman was snubbed by Elisha, yet listened to his servants. And was healed.

All links in a chain – if one link broken then chain lost.

It takes a village to raise a child (African proverb).

What we do must match what we say. What we do in the church, in our community, may only be small (how many of the above were also?), we may not ever win a talent show, but each link in the chain is vital.