



## **The Recommender**

*2 Kings 5:2-3 • July 28, 2024*

We appreciate the value of a good recommendation.

The right recommendation can save a life...or save a soul.

The young man recommends David to Saul (1 Sam 16:18)

The apostle Philip recommends Jesus (John 1:45-46)

### **The Servant Girl**

Reflect on 2 Kings 5:2-3. What do you notice?

Consider the Bishop's response to Jean Val Jean in Act I of Les Miserables: "I have bought your soul for God!"

Reflect on Immaculee Ilibagiza's story. What stands out to you?

Hieronymus Weller von Molsdorf (1499-1572): "This example of the captured girls shows why God now and then thrusts the saints into misfortunes: without a doubt so that they would become the occasion and cause of salvation, both for themselves and others... And so we are not troubled in spirit, nor do we abandon hope in salvation when some astounding misfortune falls on us. By this captured girl's example we should strengthen ourselves. Her captivity was the occasion and cause of both Naaman's cleansing and conversion... Here we should gather the examples of saints whose misfortunes yielded salvation—like the example of the patriarch Joseph. Why should we not also say this here, that surely God's plan will happen when good and pious people now and then are forced to serve the impious and criminal?"

Would you be willing to be the recommender?