



KINGDOM COMPASS – PART 7

## PRECONCEPTION AND VULNERABILITY

### YIELD TO GOD'S DIRECTION

2 KINGS 5:9-12

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."  
<sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

**Don't miss God's activity because it doesn't match your expectations.**

### TRUE PERCEPTIONS > PRECONCEPTIONS

JOHN 3:1-9

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

<sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Be Like Nic

- Cultivate a posture of genuine curiosity, humility, and vulnerability. Stay humble and hungry.
- Keep seeking to grow in trust, understanding, and love.
- Be loyal to Jesus over and above everyone else, including loved ones who have shaped us.
- Set our hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly things. Be interested in what is real and true.
- Replace misconceptions with truth from Jesus.
- Don't believe in your beliefs. Believe in Jesus.

### GOD'S POWER AND PLAN DEFY PRECONCEPTION

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived"—

the things God has prepared for those who love him