

**What is your “Naame”?
Or
Obeying all the way.**

How do we obey? What are the steps?

1 Samuel 15:22

- Is it better to be sacrificial and give up things for the Lord or is it better to obey?

2 Kings 5:1-14

- Naaman goes down to the river and takes the first dip. As he comes up I can imagine him looking at himself, and saying to his servant: “There! There I am, no better than I was when I went in!”
 - o Parent: if your kids only did this after asking them to do something would this be okay with you? Of course not.
- The servant says: “The man of God told you to dip seven times. Do just as he told you.”
 - o There is no discount on God’s word.
- Well, down he goes a second time, and he comes up puffing and blowing, as much a leper as ever; and so he goes down again and again, the third, fourth, fifth and sixth time, with the same result.
 - o Some of the people standing on the banks of the river probably said, “Why, that man has gone clean out of his mind!”
- When he comes up the sixth time, he looks at himself and says: “Ah, no better! What a fool I have made of myself! How they will all laugh at me! I wouldn’t have the generals and all of my troops know that I have been dipping in this way in Jordan for all the world!”
- However, I’ve already gone this far so I might as well just take the 7th plunge.
- After having obeyed, Naaman had the happiest day of his life.
- First he lost his temper; then he lost his pride; then he lost his leprosy.

Isaiah 55:8

- How God does things are not the way that we would do things.

We are all like Naaman at one time or another. So what is your “Naame”? Why, *Naaman* of course! Just like me. 😊