



It's a Trap

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⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me!" ¹² Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" ¹⁴ So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!

2 Kings 5:9-14 NLT

1. Being drawn into an offense...

- Distracts you from _____
_____ in your life
- Is a _____ from the _____
- Is _____ from person to person

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.
1 Peter 5:8 NLT

2. When you refuse the poison...

- It frees you from _____
- God will bring _____ and
_____ to you

Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.
Proverbs 19:11 NLT

¹⁴ "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. **Matthew 6:14-15 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Stop drinking the poison; I choose to not live offended
- Choose to avoid the trap of being offended by overlooking wrongs and extending grace
- Read 2 Kings 5 this week (Naaman's story)
- Attend the final week of "Don't Drink the Poison"
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