***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO BLESSING

*And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So, he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So, he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.* 2 Kings 5:10-14

Introduction: Sometimes, it’s just that one thing that stands between us and the life we had hoped for. Maybe it’s our finances, a troubled relationship, or a nagging health issue. It’s a barrier that needs to be broken down. For Naaman, it was his leprosy. He had everything else going for him. In an interesting twist, that barrier pointed him in the direction of his blessing. Let’s see what Naaman did to break this barrier down.

1. KEEP AN OPEN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

a. Be hungry enough to get help from unexpected places.

b. Be honest enough to see you may be too close to the situation.

c. Be humble enough to realize others have more insight than you.

2. KEEP KNOCKING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

a. At first, it may seem you have knocked the wrong door.

b. You may need to take a closer look at that door.

c. You may need to knock more than one door.

2. KEEP GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

a. Don’t let your ego get in the way.

b. Don’t expect to get it your way.

c. Don’t think you’ll get something without doing something.

CONCLUSION: Are you ready to break down your barriers?

Answers: 1. Ear 2. Doors 3. Commands