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## Bible Study 28

# An On Mission Maiden

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Read 2 Kings 5:1-19.

Who was Naaman? \_\_\_\_\_

What illness did he have? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the young girl say to Naaman’s wife? \_\_\_\_\_

Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Syria. He was second only to the king in importance. But Naaman had a problem—he was a leper. In those days, lepers could not be around other people. Everyone was afraid they would catch leprosy from them. So not only Naaman, but also the king of Syria wanted Naaman to get well. While raiding the land of Israel, the Syrians had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. This maiden became a slave in Naaman’s household.

She knew about Elisha and had faith in God’s prophet. This also meant she had faith in God. She believed in God enough to tell her mistress about the healing powers of Elisha, God’s prophet. She said to her mistress, *“If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy”* (v. 3).

Not even the king of Israel had such faith in God’s prophet! When he read the letter from the Syrian king requesting that Naaman be healed by a Jewish prophet, the king thought it was a trick to start a quarrel between Syria and Israel. When Elisha heard about this, he said, *“Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel”* (v. 8).

How many times did Elisha tell Naaman to wash in the Jordan River? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Naaman become angry with the prophet?

What did Naaman’s servants say to convince Naaman to do what the prophet had said?

What happened to Naaman when he washed in the Jordan River? \_\_\_\_\_

What promise did Naaman make to Elisha in verse 17? \_\_\_\_\_

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**N**aaman expected the prophet to wave his hand like a magician and make him well. He wanted drama and greatness from the prophet. To simply go wash in a dirty river was not spectacular enough. His pride was hurt that he would be healed in such a humble way. His servants suggested that if he was willing to do something great to be healed, then surely he should be willing to do something simple. Sometimes great moments in our lives come to us in simple ways.

**In what ways was Naaman's healing similar to your salvation experience?**

**Did Naaman listen to the suggestions of other people in his life?**    Yes    No

**If Naaman had not listened to his wife and his servants, what would have happened to him?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who was the catalyst who began Naaman's journey to Israel and to a restored life?** \_\_\_\_\_

**T**he spiritual rebirth of one person often involves many caring people. The unnamed Israelite maiden started a change of events in Naaman's life that ended with Naaman becoming a worshiper of the God of Israel. As a kidnapped slave in a foreign country, this girl is a powerful example to us of how we should care about the physical and spiritual needs of even our enemies.

**Who are the people in your life who helped you become a Christian?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is the person who started the process of pointing you to Jesus Christ?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who are some people in authority over you now who need Jesus?**

**How can you tell them where to find spiritual healing?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who needs your encouragement to obey God now?** \_\_\_\_\_