



The Strangest Disease

Bible Treasure: 2 Kings 5:1-16

“What is that spot on your skin?” asked Naaman’s wife.

“I just noticed it recently,” said Naaman. Naaman had something strange going on with his skin. He started getting white spots all over his body. There was no cure, and nothing was working.

“It looks like you have leprosy,” said Naaman’s wife.

“Oh, no. How can I continue to be a commander with this disease?” sighed Naaman. Naaman was the commander in chief under the king of Syria. He was in charge of all the soldiers in the king’s army.

There was a young maid from Israel who worked in their household and overheard their conversation. She felt bad that Naaman had white spots on his

body. She decided to witness to her master about the prophet Elisha.

“I have good news about curing the master’s leprosy,” she told Naaman’s wife. “God can heal him,” said the young maid. Naaman’s wife ran quickly to tell her husband. Naaman didn’t know what to think, taking advice from a young slave girl, but he listened. The young maid had mentioned a prophet by the name of Elisha who was led by God. Elisha could help Naaman. Naaman would have to go to prophet Elisha in Israel to find out what he would need to do to be healed from leprosy.

It was a long journey to go to Elisha’s house in Israel from the kingdom of Syria. Naaman went with some of his men and servants to find out if there was going to be a miracle for this disease that he had. Naaman arrived safely in Israel.

The instructions were specific. Naaman would have to go dip himself into the Jordan River seven times! “Is that even possible, that I could be cured by dipping myself in dirty water?” Naaman asked. One of

his servants encouraged him to listen to the prophet’s message. With a scared look on his face, Naaman went into the water seven times, and when he came out, his skin was new again.

“This is truly a miracle! There is no other true God than the God of Israel!” exclaimed Naaman. The young maid didn’t just work for Naaman, but became a good friend. The young maid’s faith in God and witness helped others like Naaman to see how powerful God is. It doesn’t matter what age you are; God will give you the strength to help someone in need. The next time you feel sick, remember this story and how God can heal you.

IT’S YOUR TURN

- What did it take for the little maid to witness to her master? Why was it difficult?
- Share with two friends how God healed you when you were sick.
- How did your friends respond when God healed you?