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 5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but a leper*. 6 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 7 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 8 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 9 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 10 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 11 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." 12 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes that he sent to the king saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 13 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 14 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." 15 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.' 16 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. 17 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'?" 18 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.  
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1. An unnamed girl

- a. The story starts with General Naaman
 - a1. Head of the Syrian army
 - a2. A noble man of esteem before his king
 - a3. A mighty man of integrity
 - a4. A man with leprosy
- b. God had given Syria victory over Israel
 - a1. Dt. 28 God would give victory to Israel's enemies when they would disobey God
 - a2. Hab. 1-2 God will use unbelievers to chastise wayward believers
- c. In one of the Syrian raids a girl was taken who became servant to Naaman's wife
 - a1. This girl was not bitter, nor did she hate her captives (she could have)
 - a2. As with Joseph, she decided that God had her in Naaman's house for a reason
 - b1. She was not gleeful over Naaman's leprosy (Mt. 5 pray for enemies)
 - b2. She sought to serve her new family
- d. She was a devout girl who knew of Elisha
 - a1. She told her mistress about the prophet
 - a2. She wished Naaman well & not ill

2. The clueless king

- a. The Syrian king set a letter to the king of Israel informing him that he was sending Naaman to be healed (the girl did not give the name of the prophet)
- b. Naaman carries the letter & much wealth to pay for the healing to the king of Syria
- c. The Israelite king is furious
 - a1. He apparently doesn't know that the letter was meant for the prophet
 - a2. He declares that he can't heal this man, for only God can heal someone
 - a3. He proclaims that the Syrian king is trying to provoke a war to conquer Israel

3. Naaman's reluctant bath

- a. When Elisha heard that the king had torn his robes in distress, he sent a note to chastise him
 - a1. "Why did you tear your clothes?" –he should have known to send Naaman to the prophet
 - a2. "Send him to me, so it will be known that there is a prophet in Israel"
- b. God not only wants to declare His name to Israel, but to the world as well
- c. Naaman travels with his entourage to Elisha's hut
 - a1. Elisha does not even meet with Naaman
 - a2. El. sends Gehazi out to tell Naaman to dip 7 times in the Jordan River to be healed (the river is another prop)
 - a3. Nm. is furious
 - b1. El. does not meet him or cure him
 - b2. The Jordan was a minor river compared to Syria's rivers
- d. Nm. would be humbled by the experience
 - a1. Nm. leaves in a huff
 - a2. His servants tell Nm. that if the prophet commanded him to do some great deed, he would have done so
 - a3. Dipping in the Jordan was a simple matter
- e. Nm. calms down & dips in the Jordan & is cured
- f. Nm. is humbled, grateful, & converted