



Lesson Four

A Servant Girl Trusts God



Nourishing Your Heart

Scripture

2 Kings 5:1–19

Bible Truth

Naaman's young servant girl served God when she told her master about Elisha.

Lesson Aim

To know that our faith is a gift from God and to be ready to show our faith to others.

Only two sentences spoken by the young Israelite slave girl are recorded, but the words she said—and the fact that she spoke up at all—reflect the reality of her faith. This young girl believed in the power of the God of Israel, and she was willing to let her light shine even in Syria, the place of her captivity.

The young girl apparently accepted her status as a servant as part of God's plan, for if she believed that God could heal Naaman, then she must have realized that he could have prevented her from being taken captive as a slave.

There is an important lesson for us here: By faith, we accept who we are and where we have been placed for service. We understand from Scripture that we are God's workmanship, created for good works when and where he ordains. We must remember, however, that no one can do "good works" unless he or she has experienced God's saving grace.

As you challenge your children to be faithful workers for God, pray that you will be sensitive to the condition of their hearts. Extend to them the invitation the Lord Jesus offers: to repent of their sins and to trust him for salvation.

Bible Background

Naaman was the commander of the army of Syria (Aram), a nation often at war with Israel. Infected with leprosy, Naaman was desperate enough to go to Israel for healing at the urging of the young Israelite slave girl who served Naaman's wife.

Even so, Naaman was enraged when the prophet Elisha sent word for him to wash himself seven times in the muddy Jordan River (2 Kings 5:10–12). Naaman expected to be healed by the prophet's power in a grand manner, so he was not prepared to submit humbly to the leading of God.

At first, Naaman proudly refused to do what Elisha said. But when he finally responded in obedience and faith, Naaman was healed. From that moment on, Naaman gladly committed himself to the God of Israel.

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Memory Verse

For it is by grace
you have been saved,
through faith—and this
not from yourselves, it
is the gift of God—not
by works, so that no
one can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8–9