

2 Kings 5

*If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you "Wash and be cleansed"?*

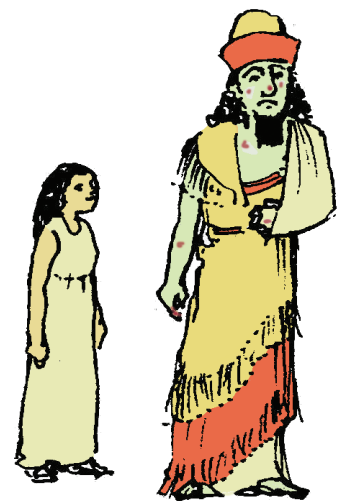
*2 Kings 5:13*

**Readings this week:**

- S 2 Kings 5:1-14
- M 2 Kings 5:15-27
- T Proverbs 16:16-20
- W Matthew 23:8-12
- Th Luke 14:7-14
- F Luke 18:9-14
- S 1 Peter 5:1-6

As you read 2 Kings 5:1-9 together, notice which people in the chapter considered themselves important, and which people were more humble. The people whose names are not even given are probably the most important in the story. What do you learn from the chapter about who or what is important?

Can you think of other people who played a big role in an event but whose name we don't know? What does this tell us about their attitude?



The river Jordan. A bit muddy, do you think?

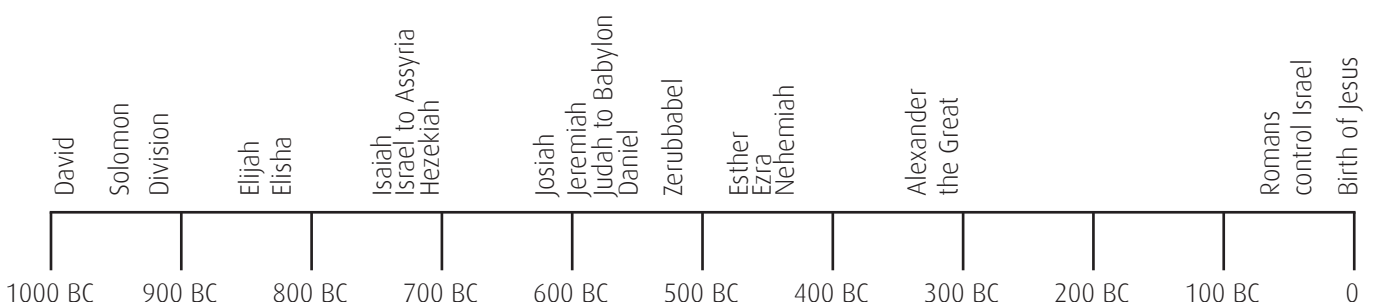
Make a list of the feelings and emotions that Naaman had at the beginning and at the end of the story.

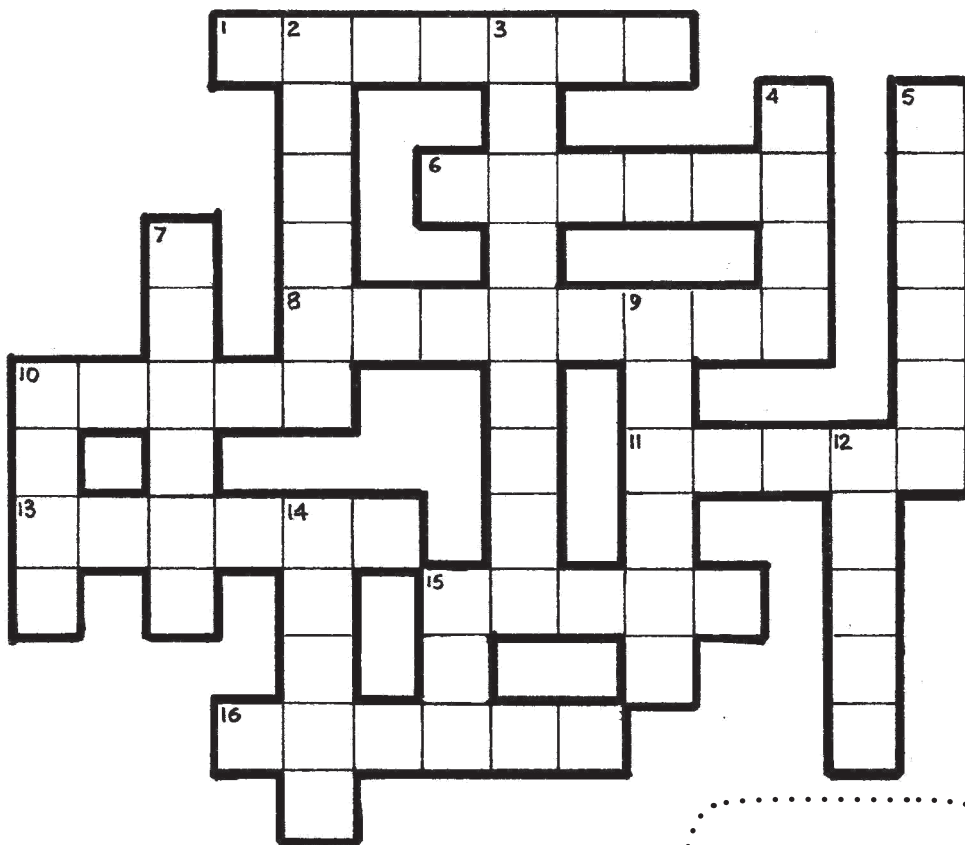
Beginning:

End:

How did they change?

Have you ever felt any of those things? Is that good or bad?





Gehazi's fault was that he thought riches were too important. He learns the hard way the lesson about greed and lying.

Can you think of other Bible examples of people learning the same lesson?

Do you think that you know the lesson well enough!

Can you think of anyone else who did what God told him to, even though he did not want to at first?

The answer to 10 across is SYRIA. The NIV Bible calls it Aram

(13 across) was a commander in the army of (10 across) but he had (1 across). A captive maid from (9 down) felt (4 down) for her master (13 across). She said if he could (15 down) the prophet in Samaria, he would heal him. The king of (10 across) (10 down) (13 across) with a letter to the king of (9 down). When (13 across) came to the house of (2 down) he expected him to come out, but (2 down) just sent (13 across) to the (11 across) (7 down) to wash (15 across) times. (13 across) was (14 down) but his servants persuaded him to learn the lessons of (3 down) and (8 across). (13 across) took some (12 down) home because he wanted to worship only the LORD. (2 down) would not accept the gift of (5 down) and clothes which (13 across) offered, but the servant of (2 down), (6 across) was (16 across) and got them for himself by lying. Because of this, (6 across) received (13 across)'s (1 across).

## Digging Deeper

### Baptism

Look up the following passages and make a list of the ways that what Naaman had to do is like baptism.

Jeremiah 17:9 (RV and NIV)  
 Acts 2:37;  
 Acts 16:31-34;  
 Acts 8:36-38; 1 Peter 3:21.

Pray that you will not have too much pride to do God's will.