

NAAMAN'S SERVANT GIRL: GOD'S POWER

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

2 Kings 5:1-16

Memory Verse

¹⁰ When your people worshiped, you know I told them, "Our always helps!"

Psalm 40:10



CASEY'S DAY

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How do you know if someone is powerful? Do they look big and scary? Do they make a lot of noise? Would they dress in nice clothes and do flashy things? If we only think of power in these ways, we can have a hard time seeing all the ways God is working.

Naaman was a powerful man. He understood strength and authority, and he knew how powerful people worked. But God gave him a lesson in a more quiet kind of power. It started with the concern of a servant girl for Naaman's skin condition. Naaman's army had captured her from Israel. We do not know this young girl's name, but even enslaved far away from her home and family, she felt bad about the pain Naaman suffered, and she mentioned to his wife that there was a prophet in Israel who could heal him.

When Naaman heard this, he went to his *powerful* king who contacted Israel's *powerful* king. But Naaman's arrival in Israel only caused confusion and frustration. When Naaman finally went to Elisha's house, Elisha didn't even come out but sent *another* servant to tell Naaman to go take a bath in the Jordan. This was not the kind of power Naaman expected; he wanted Elisha to *do something*. His servants eventually convinced

Naaman to give it a try, and it worked! Elated, he offered rich gifts to Elisha. Powerful people like gifts, right? But Elisha refused. God's power follows different rules.

With God's power, we don't have to do loud or flashy things to help people. It takes a lot of courage to do the right thing in a hard situation and to let go of our ideas of "the way things should be." Naaman's servant girl was brave enough to show God's love to an enemy, and that allowed God to change a heart and a nation. What could he do through you?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, you have so much power, but you lived a quiet life of helping people. Use that simple power through me. Help me to do the right thing even when it is hard. Amen.

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