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General Naaman

Narration Aram was a neighbouring country to Israel, and Naaman was a respected commander of Aram. The King of Aram was especially fond of Commander Naaman, but Commander Naaman had leprosy. Leprosy is a very scary disease which causes you to lose your sense of touch completely - even if you lose your finger, foot, or eyebrow, you don't feel anything.

Narration In the house of Naaman was a young servant girl from Israel.

Girl If only my master would see the prophet Elisha who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy. Prophet Elisha would pray to the Lord for him.

Narration The young girl believed in God.

Wife Is it true that my husband may be cured of his leprosy?

Girl Of course, yes, it is true.

Narration Naaman's wife told her husband what the young servant girl had said. Commander Naaman nodded and said:

Naaman If my leprosy can be cured then we should hurry.

Narration Commander Naaman soon left for Israel. Commander Naaman took with him many gifts to give prophet Elisha.

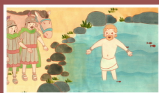
Finally, Commander Naaman and his men arrived at the house of Elisha. But Elisha was nowhere to be seen. Elisha's servant came out and passed on Elisha's message to Naaman.

Servant Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.

Naaman Where is your master? How arrogant of him! How dare he send his servant when a commander of Aram visits him! Aram has rivers that are greater and cleaner than the Jordan. Does he want me to wash in the dirty Jordan River? I would rather go back to Aram immediately!

Narration Commander Naaman was very angry. But his servants spoke to him.

Servant Commander, washing yourself seven times in the Jordan is a very easy thing to do. You have come all the way here... you might as well give it a try.



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Narration Commander Naaman listened to his servant and went into the River Jordan. One, two, three... Commander Naaman had gone in for the sixth time but nothing had changed. But on the seventh time, something amazing happened. Commander Naaman was completely healed of his leprosy. His wounds were completely healed and replaced by new skin.



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Naaman Oh... oh my!!

People What...what in the world!!

Narration From that day on, Commander Naaman came to believe in God. Commander Naaman was also very grateful to prophet Elisha.

Naaman Prophet Elisha, thank you so much. From now on I will only serve and worship God who has healed me. I promise.

Narration And so, Commander Naaman returned to his country joyfully.