

# BUILDING BLOCKS

## Part 10

## Biblical Authority

### Naaman the leper

In our final lesson on AUTHORITY, we go to 2 Kings 5 and the story of Naaman the leper.

- A. Naaman is described as a great man, highly respected and a victorious captain of the Syrians.  
- He also was a leper



- B. A captive servant girl from Israel tells Naaman's wife about the prophet in Israel who would cure him.
1. When Naaman comes to Elisha's house, a messenger tells him to dip seven times in the Jordan River
  2. Naaman is very angry. It is not what he thought would happen.
  3. There were other rivers that were better than the Jordan
  4. When he finally obeyed God, he was cured

### The Servant Girl is the Hero of the story

There are four factors against her

- (1) Her young \_\_\_\_\_: called a little girl
- (2) She is a \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from home and her people
- (4) The \_\_\_\_\_ who captured her is very sick

She Demonstrated:

- (1) C\_\_\_\_\_—even for a foreigner who captured her
- (2) C\_\_\_\_\_—she spoke out
- (3) C\_\_\_\_\_—she “knew” the prophet could heal him

### Lessons Learned:

1. Naaman said, “Behold I thought” (11). What he thought ought to happen didn't.
2. Naaman became angry when he was told to dip in the Jordan
3. When he finally submitted, he was cured

### For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Do you think it was hard for this servant girl to speak up?
- ▶ Why would she care for someone who had captured her?
- ▶ What did Naaman think would happen?
- ▶ Who was he angry with?
- ▶ This story reminds us that God often does things not in the ways we would expect. What would be another example of this?
- ▶ Did it matter which river Naaman went to?
- ▶ What if Naaman only dipped two times?
- ▶ How is Naaman's dipping similar to baptism?
- ▶ What would have happened if Naaman decided that he wasn't going to dip in the Jordan?