

Exploring Lives that Made a Difference in God's Kingdom





An illustration of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, sitting up in bed. He is looking towards the right. The bed has a white pillow and a green blanket. To the left of the bed is a small wooden table with a bowl on it. To the right is a washbasin on a stand. The room has a stone wall and a window with a lattice pattern showing a night sky with stars. The title 'The Calling of Samuel' is written in a large, white, stylized font with a blue outline across the middle of the scene.

# The Calling of Samuel



# The Butterfly Effect



# *The Butterfly Effect*

**Often, we think we don't make a difference**

**We feel insignificant**

**Probably even more so for children**

**Today we are going to put that all to rest  
and show you how little things matter**





*Finding  
the Butterfly*

**2 Kings 5:1-15**



## *Naaman's Problem (v. 1)*

**Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.**



# *Naaman's Problem (v. 1)*

**Our Story begins with a man named Naaman**

**He is a commander in the army**

**He has Leprosy -- This was a big deal to Naaman**

## **God Healed Naaman (v. 15)**

**Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said,**

**“Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”**

## *Naaman had to Obey (v. 14)*

**So, he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.**





# *Naaman had to Obey (v. 14)*

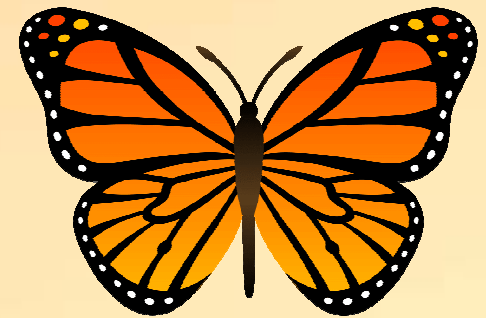
**God healed Naaman, but it did require action from Naaman.**

**He had to follow the instructions exactly**

**He had to follow the instructions completely**

**Good lesson for us as when God gives us instructions  
we must follow exactly and completely**

*Naaman is not  
the Butterfly*



## *The Servant Encouraged (v. 11-13)*

**But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?**

**Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, 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’!**



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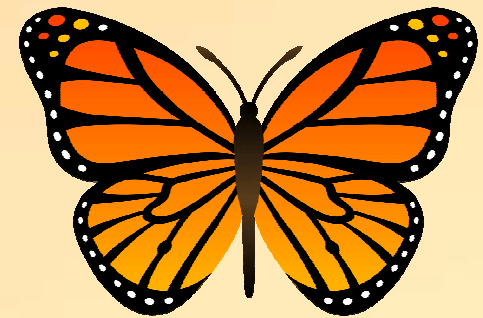
**When Naaman was first told what he must do he was unwilling**

**Reality, Naaman wanted to earn his healing**

**God's grace and mercy must be received God's way**

**Sometimes we all need a little encouragement to follow God's instructions**

*The Servant is not  
the Butterfly*



## *Elisha Commanded (v. 7-10)*

**As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."**



# *Elisha Commanded (v. 7-10)*

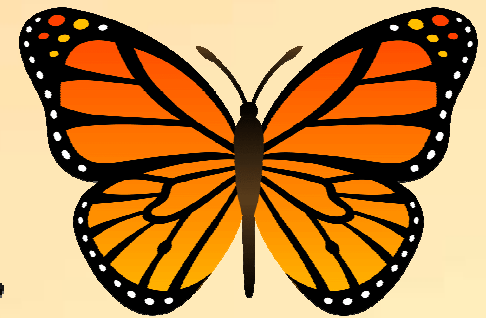
**Elisha was one of the most powerful prophets in the Old Testament**

**Naaman's arrival in the land caused a stir**

**Interesting enough Elisha did not go in person he sent a messenger**

**The messenger and the command are important (Romans 10:14)**

*Elisha is not  
the Butterfly*



## *The King Allowed (v. 4-6)*

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."



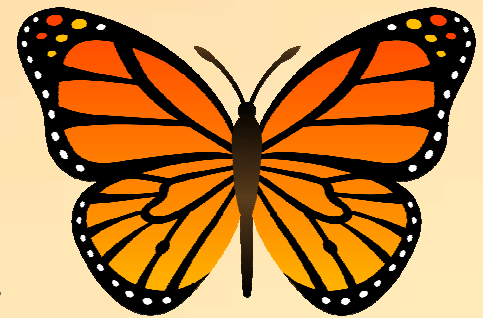
# *The King Allowed (v. 4-6)*

**Remember Naaman was not an Israelite**

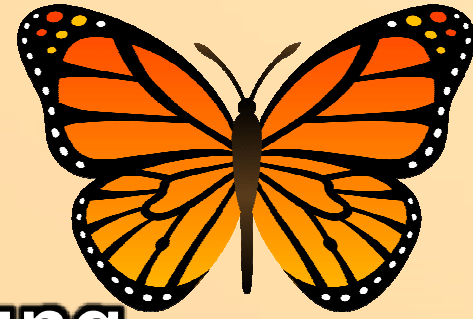
**Before he could go seek his healing he needed permission to go**

**His king gave his blessing and even provided money for Naaman to pay for his miracle**

*The King is not  
the Butterfly*



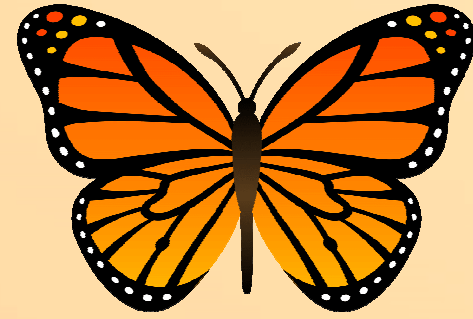
## *Meet the Butterfly (v. 2-3)*



**Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."**



# *Meet the Butterfly (v. 2-3)*



**What was her name? UNKOWN**

**What was her occupation? Slave Girl**

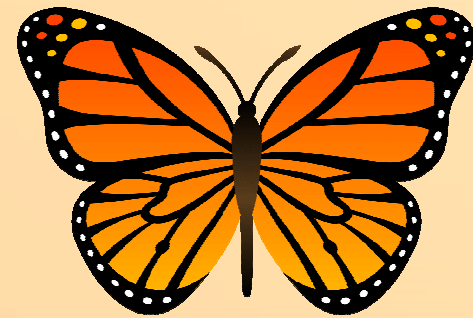
**She was not a king or a prophet she was a captive**

**She had no money**

**She was not a man so in Biblical times her  
opinion would have mattered little**

**She did not quote scripture or bark out  
commands**

# *Not Much to Work With*



**An understanding of who God is**

**A belief of what God can do**

**A knowledge of where Elisha God's messenger lived**

## *If Only*

**He would cure him of his leprosy**

**Not Could**

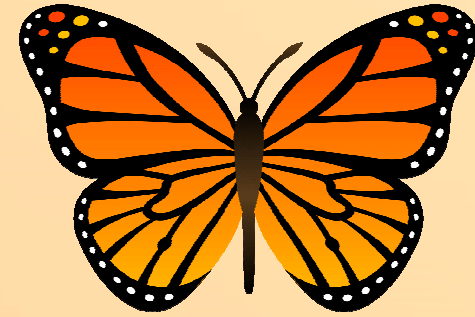
**Not Should**

**Not maybe he will if Naaman asks nicely**

## *Certain!*



# *The Butterfly Effect*



**The Wife told Naaman**

**Who went the king and got his permission**

**To go to the prophet to hear his command**

**Which led to the servant encouraging obedience**

**That inspired Naaman to do as he was told**

**Allowing God's miracle to heal Naaman**

**Helping Naaman understand there is but  
one God**

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