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*2 Kings 5:13-14 (NIV)*

## **Listening To Instructions**

I'm not sure why I make so many mistakes. I have no idea why I take so many wrong turns and head the wrong direction. It seems like I am forever changing my course. I waste a lot of time stopping, turning around and retracing my steps. It would be so much better if I didn't make so many missteps in the first place. **You got that right. Would you like me to ask you a few questions?** Go ahead, I'm listening. **Now that's a very good first step.** What's that? **Listening is a very good first step. Learning to listen carefully will serve you well. How well do you listen to others? How well do you listen to me? Think about your answer very carefully.** Why is that? **I know you think that you are a pretty good listener.** Am I not a good listener? **Do you really need to ask me that question?** Alright, I'm not a great listener. **Really?** How about, I'm a poor listener? **That's much closer to the truth.**

**Are you willing to admit that you don't listen very well to me?** Yes, I am. **Are you willing to admit that you don't listen very well to others?** Yes, I am. **Why do you think you are a poor listener?** I hate to admit this, but I think my pride makes me a poor listener. **What do you mean by that?** I think I know. **You know what?** I think I know what I need. I think I know what I should do. I think I know where I should go. I know it all. I am a "know it all." I have an answer for every question. I have a solution for every problem. **You're not serious?** What else would explain my not listening to wise counsel from others? What else would explain my not receiving wisdom and direction from you? **You have a very good point there.**

**Do you like being a "know it all?"** No, not at all. My life has been bruised, battered and broken by my "knowing it all". Now, I would much rather be a "know nothing". **What do you mean by that?** If I "know nothing" I will listen carefully. If I "know nothing" I will listen to wise counsel from others. If I "know nothing" I will receive your wisdom and direction. If I "know nothing" I will listen to carefully to your instructions. **Yes, you will.**

*Lord, I have an idea of the way that things should go. I have an opinion of the way things ought to be. Help me to lay aside my ideas and opinions and thoughts so that I will be able to follow and obey you wherever you lead me. Amen*

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

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!'" 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.

NIV 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child's, and he was healed!

NLT 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

NRSV 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

And his servants came near and said to him, My father, if the prophet had bid you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, Wash and be clean? Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, as the man of God had said, and his flesh was restored like that of a little child, and he was clean.

AMP 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.

NASB 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

ESV 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

NKJV 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

But his servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean?'" So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He was as good as new.

MSG 2 Kings 5:13-14

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TLB 2 Kings 5:13-14

### **Old Testament Events** *Healing Of Naaman*

Naaman's servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? Doesn't it make more sense just to do it? After all, he only told you, 'Wash, and you will be clean.' " So Naaman went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as Elisha had said. Then his skin became new again, like the skin of a child. And he was clean.

NCV 2 Kings 5:13-14

# Healing Of Naaman

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Old Testament Events** – 2 Kings 5:13-14

**In Context:** *Read 2 Kings 5*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been angry because something did not go as you expected?

Why might angrily leaving a situation not be your best course of action?

**How will anger cause you to miss out on blessings that God has in store for your life?**

**Who has helped you to calm down and choose a better course of action?**

When has it been hard for you to follow and obey instructions from the Lord?

How will following and obeying the Lord keep you on the right course?

**How has following and obeying the Lord brought healing into your life?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Commit yourself to following and obeying all the instructions that the Lord gives to you.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will bring healing into your life as you follow and obey Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group some simple instructions that the Lord has given you to follow.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you listen to the Lord and follow the instructions that He gives to you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will listen to you and follow the instructions that you give to me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what instructions do you have for me to follow today?*

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