



69. Read 1 Peter 3:15b. Based on this text, evaluate the witness of the slave girl in 2 Kings 5:2-4 and the witness of the king of Israel in 2 Kings 5:7-8.

**Naaman is Made Clean (2 Kings 5:9-14)**

70. Do Elisha's instructions to Naaman seem logical? Explain your answer.

71. Why did Naaman become angry with Elisha in verse 11?

72. Why was Naaman healed of his leprosy in the Jordan river?

73. What do you make of the fact that the text says that Naaman "was restored" and "became clean" rather than "he was healed" or "he was cured?"

**Elisha, Naaman, and Gehazi (2 Kings 5:15-27)**

74. In what ways did Naaman demonstrate his new faith in the LORD?

75. Why did Elisha refuse to accept Naaman's gift? Why was this refusal such a wise and kind thing to do?
76. Explain Naaman's dilemma in verse 18. Why did he ask Elisha for forgiveness? Did Elisha absolve him? Explain your answer.
77. Give an example of an analogy to Naaman's dilemma that a contemporary Christian might face. How would Elisha's answer to Naaman be comforting to the Christian in that particular position?
78. Consider the answer to question 75. Now think about this question: why was Gehazi's punishment so severe? What does James 3:1 say about those who abuse their positions as ministers of God?

### **Where is Jesus?**

79. Read Luke 4:24-30. This passage contains the only mention of Elisha by name in the New Testament. What point is Jesus making? How does the story of the cleansing of Naaman serve to sharpen Jesus' argument?

