

Old Testament Windows

Session Seven

Few stories in the Old Testament show the complex interaction of people and personalities as this one.

Read 2 Kings 5:1-14

- 1) How would you describe the little girl's words and her motivation? Why do you think she responded this way?
- 2) View this story from Naaman's perspective. What would you say is Naaman's concept of God? ...of himself? How did these things affect the events of this story?
- 3) What changed Naaman's mind about obeying Elisha's instructions? If Naaman had stayed angry and refused to obey Elisha, what do you think would have happened to him?
- 4) Can our unwillingness to humble ourselves actually deprive us of good gifts from God?
- 5) What might have been going through Naaman's mind as he dipped himself in the Jordan River the first few times?
- 6) Suppose you were being advised by some people who have the wisdom of Naaman's servants. What might they say to you right now? How will you take the first step—"going down into the Jordan for the first time"?
- 7) In which of the five main characters of this story do you recognize something of yourself?
- 8) What lessons are to be taken from this story?
- 9) Are you also, like the little girl in this story, a representative, a witness of the true and living God among your acquaintances? Why or why not?