



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



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Imagine being kidnapped as a child and spending your life as a slave in a foreign country. What remarkable grace Yahweh gave this girl to befriend her captor!

- What does it tell you about this young girl's upbringing that she remembered and trusted in Yahweh in her captivity?
- When has it been difficult for you to witness to someone?
- What happened when you did witness to them?
- What should you do when people are not receptive to your words?

Because of the words of his young slave, Naaman took a chance to go to Elisha. He was upset when Elisha didn't come out to see him but, instead, sent a message for him to wash in the Jordan. He was even angrier when he saw the Jordan itself. He was ready to storm back to Syria.

- When have God's words and promises seemed insignificant or ridiculous to you?
- When have you been close to storming off without Christ?

It took the wise advice of another servant to get Naaman to obey the word of Elisha and receive healing. God may choose you to be the one to introduce someone to Him or to encourage someone to give God a chance when he or she is ready to walk away.

- Describe a time someone gently led you back to faith when you were ready to walk away.
- Have you had a chance to do the same for another? Talk about it.

The waters of our baptism seem as insignificant as the waters of the Jordan looked to Naaman. But God's mighty Word works through simple water and cleanses us from something far worse than mere leprosy. It washes away all our sin. Jesus Christ suffered and died for that sin on the cross. In our baptism the Holy Spirit creates faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and we are accepted as children of our Heavenly Father.