

What You Heard In the Word

- Naaman, the Syrian army commander, humbled himself to follow Elisha's instructions. When he washed in the Jordan River, God healed him of his leprosy. Gehazi, Elisha's servant, was punished with leprosy for seeking material gain from God's miracle.
- God protected Elisha from the Syrian army then showed them mercy by letting them return to their country unharmed.

OutWordFor Family Discussion

Suppose your friend says that she doesn't believe God loves her because of the hard things she's going through. **What could you say?**

I'm sorry you're going through some hard times, but that doesn't mean God doesn't love you. He loved you so much that he sent Jesus to die on the cross for your sins. Because Jesus died and rose again,

we have the promise of eternal life with

God if we repent and trust in Jesus.

Even those who love God and are his children will go through difficult times. But God can use even those things to help us trust him more and accomplish his greater plan.

The Bible has lots of examples of people who had to trust God in difficult times. It was a servant girl who

was taken captive by the Syrians who told Naaman about Elisha and the God of Israel. Her faith during a difficult circumstance ended up leading Naaman to faith in the true God! We can trust God in hard times too.