

Who is Your Naaman?

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Over the years I have talked with a number of teens who have felt like they were social outcasts, lonely and without friends to enjoy life. Then one day, when they needed it the most, someone befriended them and it made a decisive difference in their lives. Have you ever had someone come into your life at just the right moment?

Sometimes we can walk into people's lives at just the right time. Do you recall the story of Naaman (2 Kings 5)? Naaman was a mighty warrior who was highly regarded by his master because he was a successful military leader. But Naaman had one big problem; he was a leper. As the leprosy progressed, it had the potential to completely change Naaman's life.

But, at just the right moment in time, Naaman's wife's maid shared news with him that led to his healing. She told her master about the prophet Elisha and his ability to perform miracles. Now consider a couple of the things this young slave girl could have done:

- 1) She could have kept quiet and let Naaman suffer.
- 2) She could have decided Naaman was a lost cause who wouldn't believe her because she was a servant.

She had several options, but she chose to do the right thing. She said to her master, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy" (2 Kgs. 5:3). The slave girl made a decision to share news with Naaman that eventually led to his healing.

Now fast forward to today. Often people find themselves in the midst of a major problem, like Naaman. They are infected with a life-altering disease known as sin (Rom. 3:23). If not treated properly, this disease will ultimately kill them (Rom. 6:23).

Like the servant girl, we have a choice. Will we share the life-saving news we have been entrusted with or will we keep quiet? I am certain there is a Naaman in your life who needs you to step up and share Jesus with him. Why wait? Work up the courage to share this amazing news sometime this week.