

## Devotional: Obedience To God's Ways

Children's Devotion on living by God's standards

Read: 2 Kings 5:9-14 (NKJV)

This sounds like a strange thing for God to tell someone to do. Why couldn't Elisha just pray and ask God to heal him? Why did he need to go down to the Jordan and dip seven times in it? Could it be that God wanted to do much more in Naaman's life than just heal his leprosy? Naaman may have felt embarrassed to do that—especially dipping in the dirty Jordan River.

God always has a reason for speaking to us the way He does. He knows what's in the heart. His ways are much higher than ours. Our natural selves say one thing, but God says another, like love your enemies, bless those who persecute you, turn the other cheek etc...It often goes against what we would naturally do.

We often find ourselves in situations where we need to react against what we feel in the natural to do. And that can be really hard. So often we go along with how we feel, not with what God says to do in His word. We need God's help daily, so we can do what He says and not what we feel.

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)*

Help me, Lord, to respond  
The way you ask me to,  
Even though it may seem strange,  
Help me be obedient to you.

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