

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: [COrdinary14x2016](#)

Text: 2 Kings 5:1-14

The Healing of Naaman

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, **suffered from leprosy**. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him **ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold**, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, **he tore his clothes** and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? **Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.**"

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "**I thought that for me he would** surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" **He turned and went away in a rage**. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "**Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?**" How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; **his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy**, and he was clean.

Primary expressed intelligence: [D2 thinks] **People** [MWD thinks] **Self**

Math - I Music - SFX People - I Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
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Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical		<p>Calculate the size and expense of Naaman's gift: 1 talent ~ 75 lb or 1200 oz</p> <p>According to this site, in the biblical measurement system, 1 talent ~ 3000 shekels</p> <p>So 10 talent silver = 750# or 12,000 oz 6000 shekel gold = 150# or 2400 oz</p> <p>Silver is currently [6/29] \$18.37/oz 10T => \$220,400</p> <p>Gold is currently [6/29] \$1,323.70/oz 2T => \$3,176,880</p> <p>1 Armani suit at Saks = \$3995.00 1 couture gown may cost between and \$1000-12,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a "Greater to Lesser" (<i>a fortiori</i>) argument is used by Naaman's servant, which was a common form in ancient Jewish thought¹: If "A" is true, and if "B" is a lesser subset of "A", then "B" must be even more true! In this case "A" is "if he asked some great task of you, you would do it" And "B" is "he asked you only to wash" <p><i>(The reverse form, Lesser</i></p>	

¹ [JEWISH LOGIC: A Brief History and Evaluation](#) Ó Avi Sion, 1995.

		<p><i>to Greater, is also often used, to wit: If “B” is true, and if “A” is a more substantial form of “B”, then “A” is all the more true!)</i></p>	
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>Leprosy elimination</p> <p>Leprosy is still akin to HIV/AIDS in terms of social stigma, especially in the developing world (see also People), even though HIV is treatable and leprosy is curable and has been reduced worldwide by 99% in the last 20 years (!!!) (see above on “Leprosy”)</p>	
Musical			<p>Use the phrase “I thought that for me surely...” as a refrain for a series of assumptions people make about the kind of attention they deserve (both positive and negative examples)</p>
Natural		<p>References in an old text to the Rivers of Damascus</p> <p>And something more contemporary on the same.</p> <p>When you travel to far-away places, do you tend to compare the surroundings to your home? How do they usually stack up?</p>	
People - Interpersonal		<p>We often expect to be corrected by someone senior to us in age or experience or rank. What’s it like when it is someone who ranks below you?</p>	

Self - Intrapersonal		Think about times when someone corrected your thinking about something that you were upset about and it worked out well. Did it change your larger worldview at all?	
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