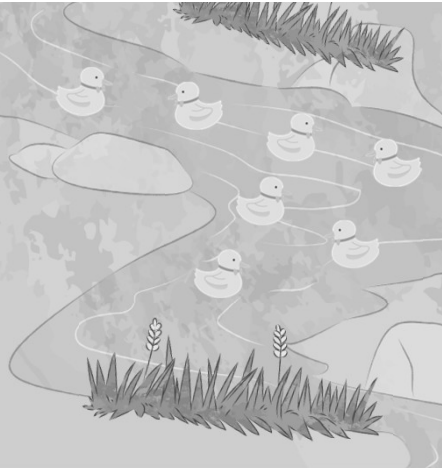


Seven Ducks in a Muddy Pond

Family Discussion



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Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy." ... So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

2 Kings 5:10-14 (NIV)



2

Discuss

- Compare Naaman's **expectation** in verse 11 with what actually happened.
- Naaman expected Elisha to do something dramatic. Instead, he was given a simple command. What does this teach us about how God works?
- If Naaman's servants had not intervened, he might not have been healed. How might we miss God's work in our lives when we expect Him to work a certain way?



3

Pray

- Thank God for answers to prayer in your family's life. Tell Him how grateful you are for dealing with both simple and difficult needs.
- Tell the Lord that you are trusting Him to take care of your problems in even simple ways that you might not expect.
- Ask God to help you not to miss His working in your life just because you expect a certain outcome.
- Pray for people you know who need God to work in their lives. Pray that they will be ready to receive God's answers.



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