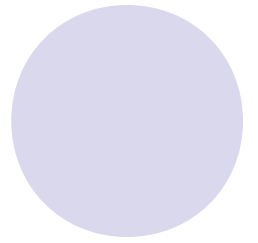
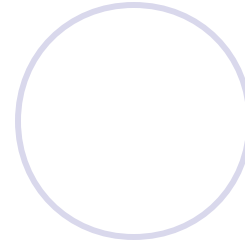
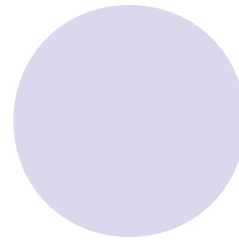
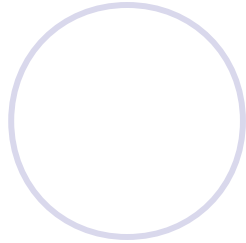
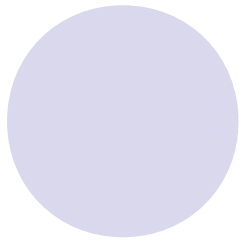


# **Wholeness from the account of Naaman**

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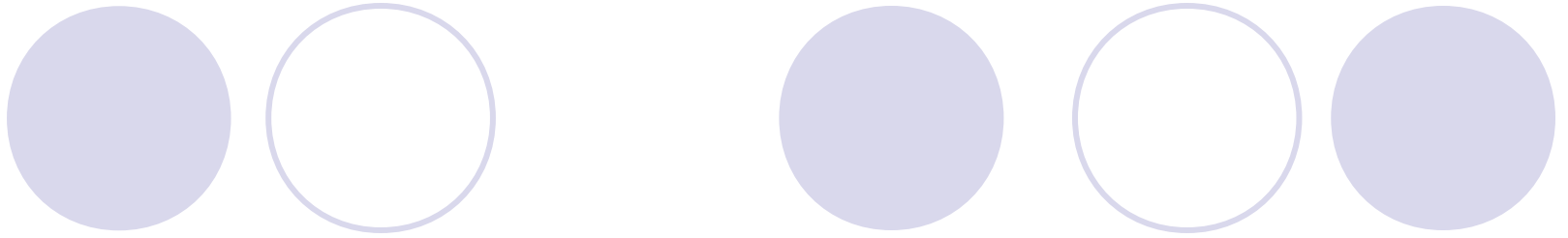


**1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.**

**2 Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.**

**3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."**

**4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.**



**5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.**

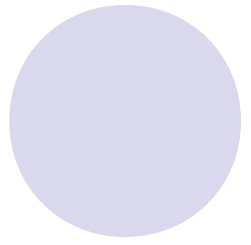
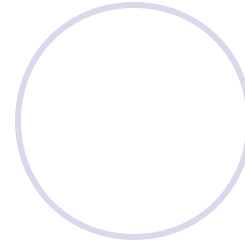
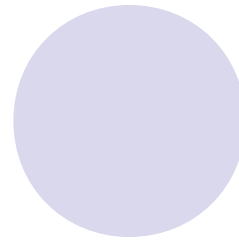
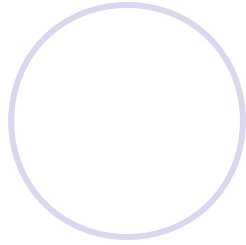
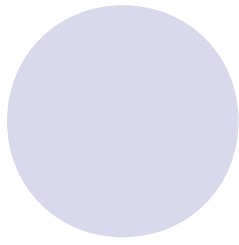
**6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."**

**7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"**



**8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."**

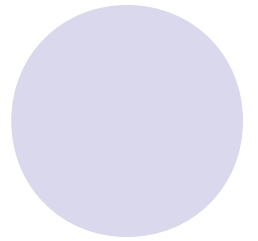
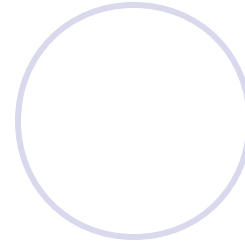
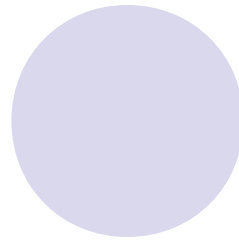
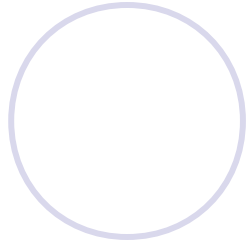
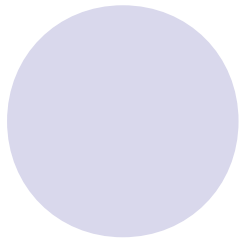
**9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house**



**10 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."**

**11 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."**

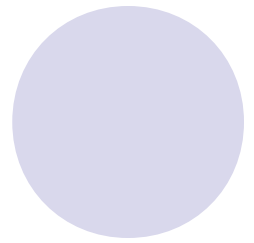
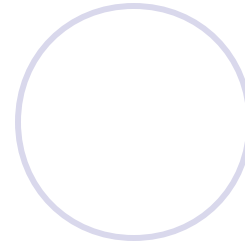
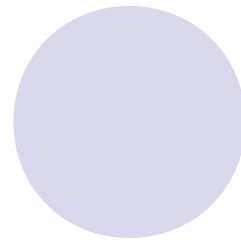
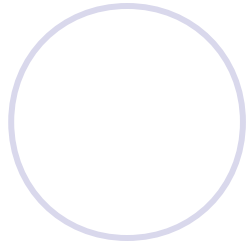
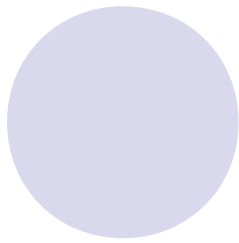
**12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.**



**13 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'!"**

**14 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.**

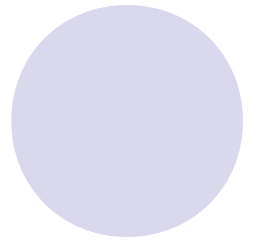
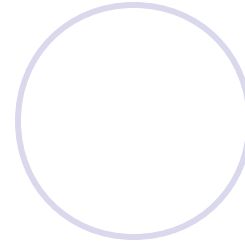
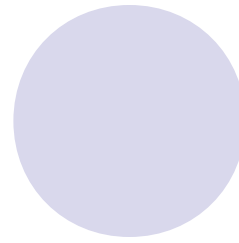
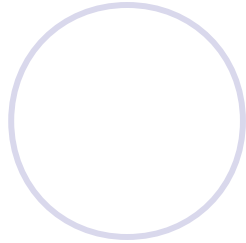
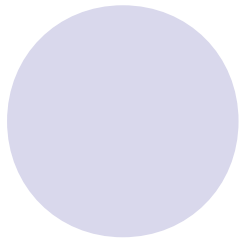
**15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."**



**16 The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.**

**17 "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD.**

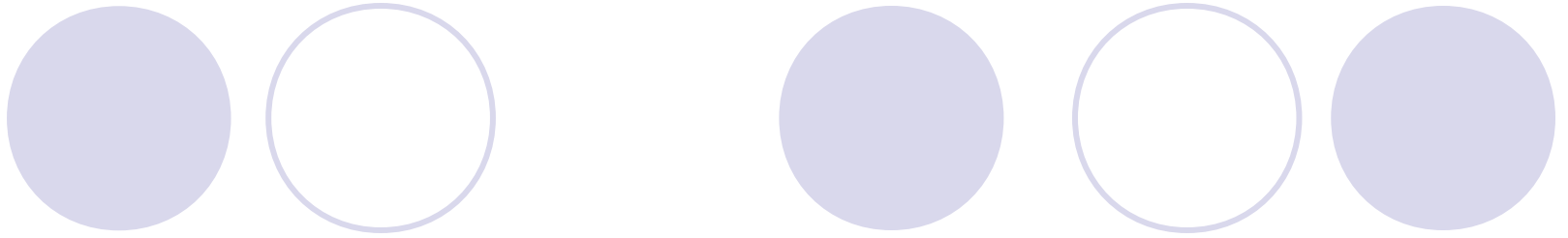
**18 But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I bow there also-- when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this."**



**19 "Go in peace," Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance,**

**20 Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."**

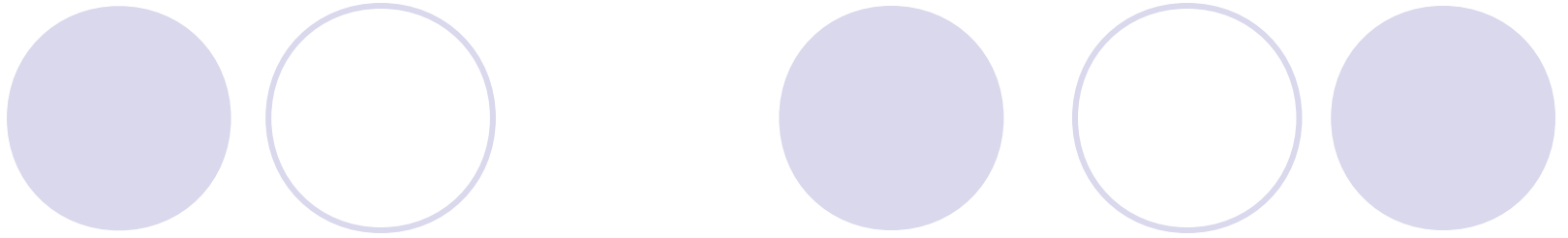
**21 So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from**



**22 "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"**

**23 "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi.**

**24 When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.**



**25 Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha. "Where have you been, Gehazi?" Elisha asked. "Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.**

**26 But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants?"**

**27 Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.**

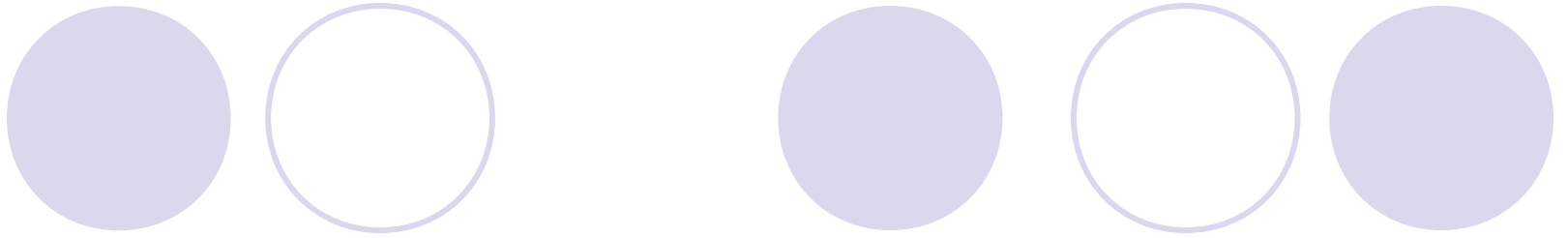
# Psalm 33:1-11

**1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

**2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

**3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

**4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**

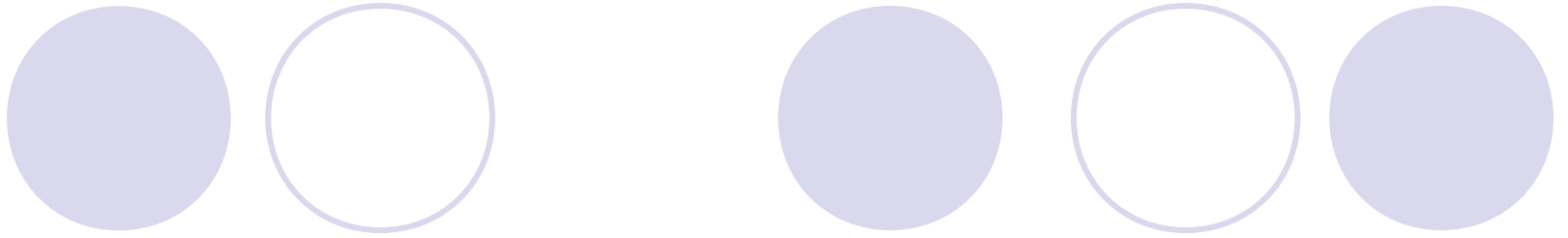


**5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

**6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.**

**7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

**8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.**



**9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

**10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.**

**11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

# Jeremiah 29:11-14

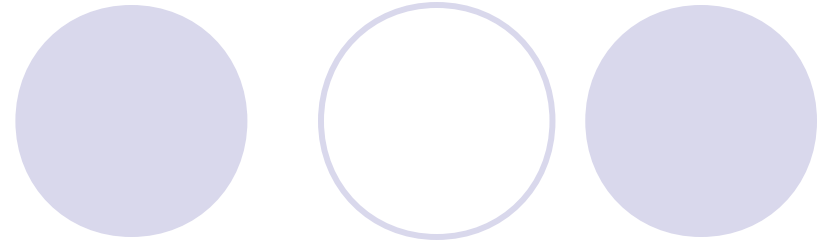
11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished

# Proverbs 21:1



- **The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.**

# Philippians 4:12-13

- **12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.**
- **13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**



# Matthew 6:33-34

**33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**



# **Wholeness** from the account of Naaman

- **Wholeness comes when we embrace humility**
- **Wholeness comes when we rest in the Lord**
- **Wholeness comes when we recognize he is our provision.**