



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 8: God Heals

Suggested Week of Use: July 24, 2022

Core Passage: 2 Kings 5:1-14

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### News Story Summary

Rachel Ruhlin had known about her father's hearing problem for a long time. For years, family members had to repeat things because Joe Ruhlin's was suffering hearing loss in his left ear. Rachel encouraged her father to get a hearing test, but he just attributed his condition to the loud concerts he attended when he was younger and to getting older. Then Rachel started studying speech, language, and hearing sciences at Auburn University. Because of what she had learned, she again urged her dad to get a hearing test. Once she explained the social, emotional, and psychological implications of hearing loss, Joe finally agreed; and they went to the appointment together while Rachel was home on a break. The audiologist ended up sending Joe to an ear, nose, and throat specialist for more testing, including an MRI that revealed a large acoustic neuroma. This rare type of tumor is generally benign, but it is still dangerous. Because of its location, the tumor has the potential to damage a person's brain stem. Joe's tumor was successfully removed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and he is on his way to recovery. Of his daughter's encouragement, Joe simply said, "I'm very grateful that she pushed me to go see the doctor. It did take some encouragement, and she's very good at encouraging me to do things. Daughters can be that way."

For more about this story, search "Life-saving lecture helps discover father's tumor."

### Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, ask: *What medical advice do you tend to ignore? Why?* Share information from the news story about Rachel and Joe Ruhlin. Ask: *What would have happened had Joe just gotten hearing aids and ignored his daughter's pleading?* Say: *Today we'll see a similar situation as Naaman wanted to ignore some simple instructions that would lead to his healing.*

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, say: *Both Joe Ruhlin and Naaman went through trials that turned into blessings, blessings they might not have experienced had they not accepted advice.* Ask: *How can previous trials that turned into blessings help you face future challenges?* Close with prayer thanking God for how He provides healing for our lives.