

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Naaman the Syrian was healed of leprosy when he bathed in the Jordan.

He was not convinced that the muddy waters of the Jordan could do anything for him. In fact, the idea was a complete turn off. You must be kidding, right? You want me to bathe in the Jordan, why would I do that? If I wanted to bathe, I have much better rivers in my homeland, the Tigris, the Euphrates. This is what was going on in his head.

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A servant girl said to him: 'Listen, if you had been asked to do something difficult, you would have done it. So why not do what is being suggested, even though it does not seem to make any sense to you, why not give it a shot, what have you got to lose?

That's what she said to him.

Naaman could have been indignant, defensive, mad, offended. He had been to the Jordan before, and was not impressed. If you have ever seen it yourself, you'd understand - it's narrower than the Hackensack River for example, and about the same awful color!

The amazing thing is that Naaman listened to the servant girl, and did what she suggested. He went to the Jordan, bathed seven times, and was healed.

At the Masses last weekend, the servant girl spoke to us. She made the same invitation that was given to Naaman.

An invitation was made for us to Come and Listen to the Catechesis on Monday and Thursday evening.

Perhaps our initial reaction was that of Naaman; how is this going to help me, or, I've tried that before and it doesn't work, or I've got better places to be and better things to do with my time.

Naaman, when he did what was suggested, was surprised. I think we will be too. See you Monday and Thursday at 8:00 pm?