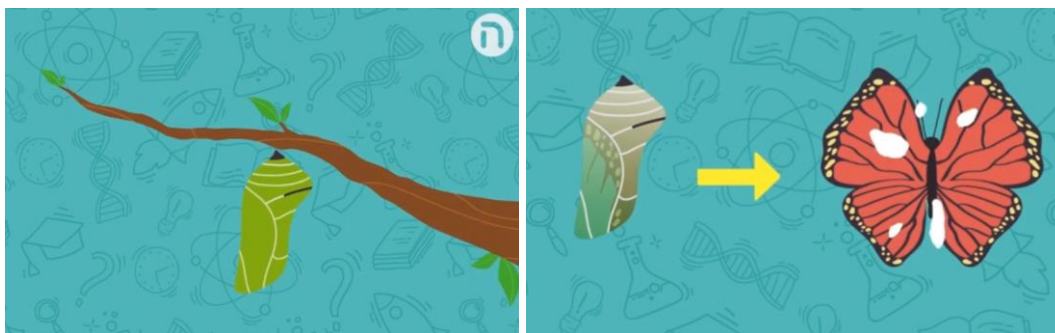


# 信靠神行事必得福

倚靠耶和华、以耶和华为指望的，这人便为有福。——耶利米书 17:7

嗨，孩子们，你见过下面图片上这个东西吗？知道这是什么吗？这是“茧”！茧看起来像一个胶囊或睡袋，它可是毛毛虫的房子！毛毛虫将自己包裹在茧里面躲起来，那它躲在里面干嘛呢？原来毛毛虫要变身，它先变成蝶蛹，然后再变成美丽的蝴蝶，好神奇噢！



看，茧里的蝴蝶想要出来了，它正挣扎着要挣脱茧的束缚。看起来蝴蝶好费劲噢~！你有想过帮助它快点出来吗？你如果把茧剪破，蝴蝶就轻而易举地跑出来了。但是... 噢，糟糕，蝴蝶掉下去了，你只是帮了倒忙！有多少人知道这可不是最好的方法？在这种情况下，最好按照自然的方式，按照神设定的时间，让蝴蝶缓慢地冲破茧的束缚自己出来！



我们可能会认为蝴蝶需要尽快地挣脱束缚，但当上帝创造蝴蝶时，祂的意思是让蝴蝶一点一点地摆脱束缚。你看，当一只蝴蝶从茧中孵化出来时，它的翅膀是皱巴巴的，湿漉漉的。它需要依附在茧上，倒挂一段时间，这样它的翅膀才能变干和张开。没有这个重要的步骤，蝴蝶的翅膀就不可能变得强壮有力，也就飞不起来。我们的神是不是很奇妙？！当神创造蝴蝶的时候，祂已经知道蝴蝶将需要——一对健康而强壮的翅膀！



今天的圣经故事是关于一个身体虽然很强壮但一点也不健康的人，这个人就是乃幔。圣经在列王记下 5 章告诉我们，乃幔是亚兰王军队的元帅，是一位非常有权势和重要的人物。作为一位统帅，乃幔常常对他的士兵们下达指令。例如，乃幔发号施令说：“向前冲啊！”士兵们就马上回应：“遵命，长官！冲啊——。”



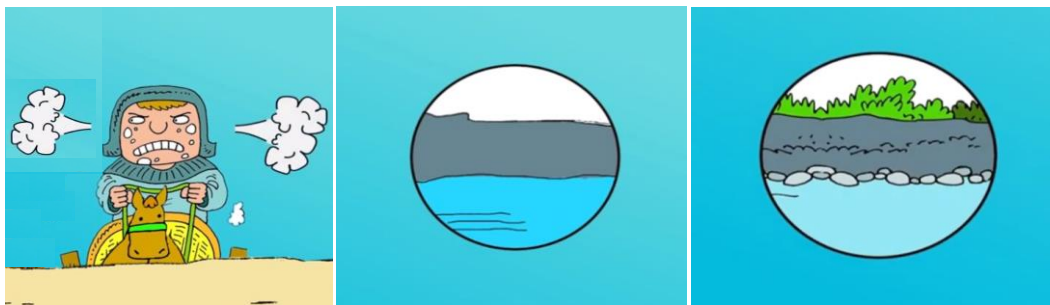
但乃幔也是一个麻风病人。在圣经时代，麻风病是不能治愈的，这就意味着整个亚兰地区没有一个人知道如何治愈乃幔。直到有一天，乃幔的妻子有一位女仆，这位女仆是来自以色列的犹太人，她说：“巴不得我主人去见撒玛利亚的先知，必治好他的大麻风。”你猜猜看，这位先知会是谁呢？他就是神人以利沙！



乃幔不是犹太人，但当他听到这个消息时，他决定马上去见以利沙。于是，既然是亚兰人的元帅，乃幔他带着车马兵丁，神气十足地来到以利沙的家门口。他认为自己是有权势的重要人物，想必那先知一定会出来迎接他，然后在他身体的患处摇手为他祷告，大麻风就必痊愈了。会是这样吗？不是的！以利沙甚至都没有出来打个招呼，他只是打发一个使者去告诉乃幔，说：“你去约但河里沐浴七次，你的皮肤就必痊愈，你就得洁净了。”



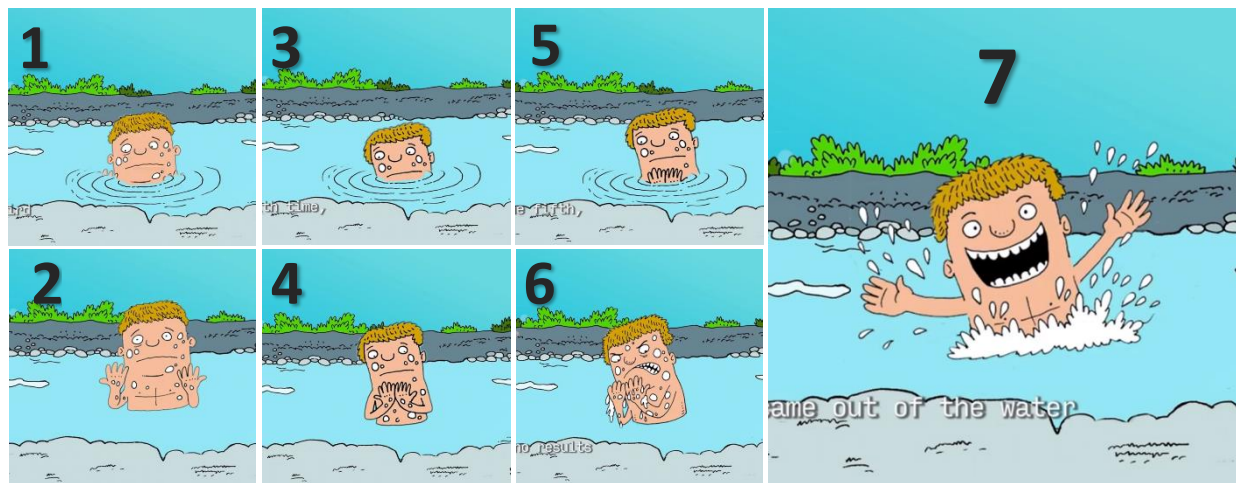
你猜，当乃幔听到这些话会是什么反应？他火冒三丈，气得他转身就走了。“什么？你在跟我开玩笑？”他气愤地说：“亚兰地的河比约旦河美多了！要洗澡，我大可以直接在我们自己地方的河流洗，何必大老远跑来这里？！”



哦，可怜的乃幔，不相信把自己浸在约旦河里就能治好他的大麻风！但是，乃幔的臣仆对他说：“我的主人，如果先知是吩咐你去作一件困难的事去治病，你会不去做吗？而现在，他只是叫你去作一件这么简单的事，你反而不去做，这说得过去吗？”



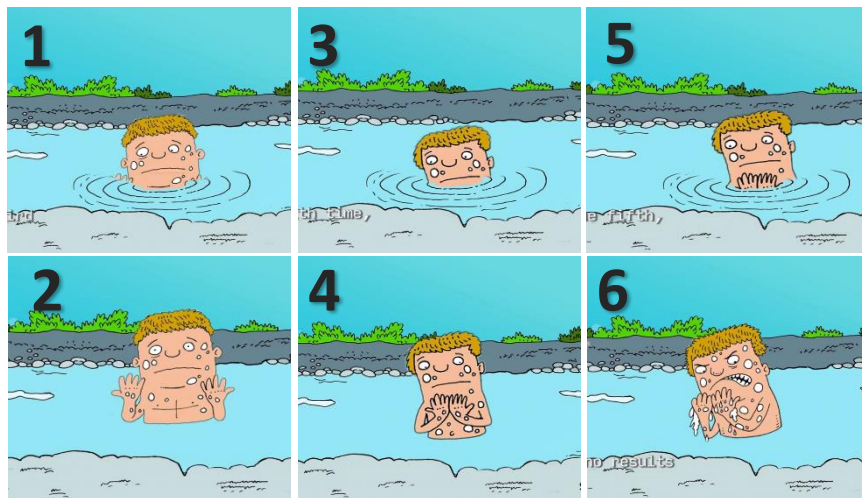
于是，尽管乃幔他不明白这是怎么一回事，他还是去了约旦河洗澡。洗完第一次，什么事都没发生；第二、第三、第四次也是一样，什么变化也没有；第五次、第六次还是没有任何好转出现，他想要的治疗在哪里？！谢天谢地，乃幔并没有放弃。圣经告诉我们，乃幔第七次从水里出来的时候，他的皮肤不但治好了，而且变得像婴孩的皮肤一样又嫩又新。



孩子们，你们中有多少人能体会到乃幔的感受？或许就像乃幔一样，你也会因为事情没有按照你所期望的发生而感到沮丧；或许你变得不耐烦了，是因为你等待奇迹发生的时间等得太久了，如果这是你，让我们一起来铭记这节经文——**耶利米书 17 章 7 节**：“**倚靠耶和华、以耶和华为指望的，这人便为有福。**”



乃缦不能理解进入约旦河洗七次会有什么不同，但他选择相信！当他相信神的方式时，事情就会变得有可能。如果乃缦在洗第五次或第六次后就放弃了，你认为结果会是怎样？他就会错过他想要的治愈。乃缦该做的不是去担心或怀疑“怎样 how”实现、“为什么 why”会这样或“什么时候 when”会出现治愈。



乃缦所要做的就是信靠神，按神的方式行事。这对于今天的我们也是真理！当我们寻求神想得到我们所需要的医治时，祂对我们的回应很简单——“我已经给了你们我的儿子，因祂受的鞭伤，你们得医治。”我们善良的天父上帝已经给了我们所需要的一切了！



每次，当我们领受圣餐时，我们是在声明耶稣已经为我们的治愈付费了！每次，当我们把膏油涂抹在自己身上时，我们是在倚靠神的大能对我们的医治和保护！对于我们中的某些人来说，我们所需要的治愈可以突然发生，因为我们是属于伟大而全能的神，祂有瞬间治愈的能力。而对于另一些人来说，我们的康复是逐渐发生的，可能需要一些时间。不管怎样，我们都不需要担心“怎样 how”、“为什么 why”或“什么时候 when”这些问题，我们所要做的就是倚靠我们的神，相信祂的应许会使我们得医治。



接下来，我们来分享一个见证，这个见证是来自一位欧洲的年轻人，他这一生患湿疹所经历的事。当他还是个婴儿，只有几个月大的时候，他的皮肤开始发红发痒。医生说：“别担心！等他长大些，这些湿疹就会自然消失了。”但情况并没有像医生所说的那样，随着他年龄的增长，湿疹并没有消失，反而情况变得更糟了。到他 16 岁的时候，湿疹已经演变成为他真正的问题。他变得不喜欢自己的样子，而且他经常要戒口，有很多东西都不能吃，甚至像面包和糖果这些普通的食物都不能碰，因为吃了会使他的皮肤恶化。



就在这期间，他和家人开始听到牧师揭示圣经里面圣餐和膏油的医治力量的证道。他全家开始每天都领受圣餐，**宣告因耶稣受的鞭伤，他得医治！**他母亲也为他祈祷，**每晚都用膏油抹他的脸。**一天天，一点点，困扰了他一生的湿疹开始好转。仅仅过了几个星期，他就痊愈了，赞美耶稣！





孩子们，我们今天学到了什么？我们知道我们可以倚靠神的行事方式！我们不必急于看到果效，就像我们不能用揠苗助长的方式匆忙地把蝴蝶从茧中取出来一样，我们也不能急于去人为改变神对事对物设定的发展方式；我们还了解到，我们不必总是要钻牛角尖，凡事都要搞清楚“为什么 **why**”或“怎么样 **how**”。如果乃缦听到先知的话决定继续生气和钻牛角尖，他就不会经历神医治的大能！



我们可能永远不会完全明白事情“为什么 **why**”会这样，“是怎样 **how**”发生，以及“什么时候 **when**”会发生，但这没关系，因为我们只要知道我们属于谁就够了——我们是属于伟大而全能的上帝的！祂爱我们，并应许永远恩待我们，当我们知道这一点，我们就很容易信靠祂！如果你已经为你目前的身体状况祷告且等待了一段时间，还是没有看到有任何起色和好转，记住乃缦的故事，不要放弃，相信圣餐和膏油的医治能力！既然神已经把祂的儿子赐给了我们，那祂一定会赐给我们所需要的健康和复原！我们所要做的其实很简单——就是相信神和接受祂对我们的祝福！



让我们再来回顾今天的经文，耶利米书 17 章 7 节：“倚靠耶和华、以耶和华为指望，这人便为有福。”我们的上帝是如此的良善和慷慨，只要我们信靠祂，我们就会受到祝福。哇，让我们全心信靠主，一起祷告说：“亲爱的主耶稣，我信靠你！你是如此的爱我，总是把最好的给我。因为你为了我上十字架，所以我可以得到我需要的健康和医治！感谢主如此爱我！阿门！”

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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

## TRUST AND RECEIVE

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. Jeremiah 17: 7, NKJV**

Hey Rock Kidz, how many of you know what this is? If you said “cocoon”, you are right. A cocoon is like a capsule or a sleeping bag a caterpillar spins around itself so that it can hide away while it changes first into a chrysalis, and then into a butterfly.

Look! The butterfly inside this cocoon is trying to come out! It’s struggling to break free. How many of you feel like helping the butterfly? Just cut the cocoon open and the job would be done. Oh no! how many of us know that this is not the best way? In this instance, it is better to do it nature’s way, the way God planned it.

We may think that the butterfly needs to break free as fast as it can, but when God made the butterfly, He meant for the butterfly to make its way out bit by bit. You see, when a butterfly first hatches from its cocoon, its wings are crumpled and wet. It needs to cling to the cocoon and hang upside down for a while so that its wings can open up and dry. Without this important step, the butterfly’s wings cannot strengthen and it won’t be able to fly. Isn’t our God amazing? When God made the butterfly, He knew just what the butterfly would need to have strong and healthy wings!

Today’s Bible story is about a man who was strong but not healthy at all. This man was Naaman. The Bible tells us in 2 Kings 5 that Naaman was the commander of Syrian King’s army. As commander, Naaman was used to telling his soldiers what to do. For example, when Naaman said, “Charge!”, the soldiers said, “Sir. Yes, sir!” Naaman was a very powerful and important man.

But Naaman was also a leper. During Bible times, leprosy could not be cured. And this meant that no one in the entire land of Syria knew how to cure Naaman. One day, one of his wife’s servants, a Jewish girl from Israel said, “If only my master could meet the prophet who is in Samaria! The prophet would heal my master of his leprosy.” Can you guess who this prophet was? Yes, it was Elisha, the man of God.

Naaman was not a Jew but when he heard this, he decided to go see Elisha at once. As the commander of the Syrian army, Naaman arrived at Elisha’s house in grand style, with his chariot, horses and soldiers. He was such an important and powerful man. Surely the prophet would come out to pray for him, wave his hands over him and the leprosy would be healed! Right? Wrong! Elisha didn’t even come out of his house so say “Hello!” all Elisha did was to send a messenger out to give Naaman a message. “Go and wash in the Jordan river seven times,” the messenger said, “Then your skin will be healed, and you will be pure and clean.”

What do you suppose happened when Naaman heard this? Yes! He got mad! In fact, he got so mad he left! “What!?” Naaman growled, “Are you kidding me!? The rivers in Syria are better than the Jordan! I could have just gone there instead of coming all the way here!”

Oh dear. Naaman could not understand how dipping himself in the Jordan river could heal his leprosy. But Naaman’s servants said, “Sir, if the prophet told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. Now that he has told you to do this simple thing, doesn’t it make sense to just do it?”



So, even though he did not understand how it would work, Naaman went into the Jordan River. The first time he went, nothing happened. The second, third and fourth time was the same. Nothing happened. And the fifth, and sixth time, showed no results neither. Where was the healing he wanted?! Thankfully, Naaman did not give up. The Bible tells us that when Naaman came out of the water the seventh time, his skin was not only healed, it was soft and new like a little child's!

Wow! Hey Rock kidz, how many of you can feel what Naaman felt? Maybe like Naaman, you felt frustrated that things are not happening the way you expected. Maybe you are upset because you've been waiting a long time for your miracle happen. If this is you, have a look at this verse, you might want to highlight this as well. Jeremiah 17: 7: **"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord."**

Naaman did not understand how going into the Jordan River seven times would make any difference at all, but he chose to trust believe. As he trusted in God's way, the possible happened for him. What do you think would have happened if Naaman had given up at the fifth or sixth dip? He would have missed the healing he wanted. Naaman's part was not to worry or wonder about the 'how' or the 'why' or the 'when'.

All Naaman had to do was to trust and do things God's way. The same is true for us today. When we go to the Lord, for the healing we need, His answer to us is simple. "I have already given My Son. By his stripes, you are healed." Our good, good God has already given us everything thing we need.

Each time, we eat the bread and drink the wine, we claim the healing that Jesus has paid for us. Each time we use the anointing oil on ourselves we put our trust in God's power to heal and protect us. For some of us, the healing we need can happen suddenly because we belong to a great and mighty God who has the power to heal instantly. For others, our healing may take some time and happen gradually. Either way, our part is not to worry about the 'how', or the 'why', or the 'when'. All we have to do is to trust our good, good God and keep believing in His promises to heal us!

Let me tell you what happened to a youth from Europe who suffered from eczema his whole life. When he was only a few months old, his skin started getting red and itchy. The doctor said, "Don't worry about it. It will go away as he grows up." But the eczema didn't go away. Instead, it got worse. By the time he was 16, the eczema had become a real problem. He didn't like how he looked, and he could not eat many types of foods. He could not even enjoy simple things like bread or sweets because they made his skin worse.

During this time, his family started listening to Pastor Prince teaching about the Power of the holy Communion and the anointing oil. His family started to partake of the holy Communion everyday declaring that by Jesus' stripes, he was healed. His mother also prayed for him and put anointing oil on his face every night. Day by day, bit by bit, the eczema he had his whole life started to clear. And in just a couple of weeks, he was healed! Praise Jesus!

Hey Rock Kidz, what did we learn today? We learned that we can trust God's ways. Just like we cannot rush getting a butterfly out of its cocoon, we also cannot rush how God chooses to do things. We also

learned that we don't always have to understand why or how things work. If Naaman had decided to stay angry and upset, he would not have experienced God's amazing power to heal.

We may not understand the how, or the when, or why things happen the way they do, but that's alright because it is enough for us to know who we belong to. And we belong to a great and powerful God who loves us and promises to always be good to us. When we know this, it is easy for us to put our trust in him. If you've been praying and waiting for something for a while but don't see any results, remember Naaman's story. Don't give up. Trust in the healing power of both the holy Communion and the anointing oil. If God has already given us His Son, surely He will give us the health and the wholeness that we need. Our part is not to worry or wonder 'why', our part is to simply trust and receive.

Look at our verse again, Jeremiah 17: 7: **"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord."** Our God is so good and so generous that just by putting our trust in Him, we are blessed! Wow! Let's trust in the Lord with all our hearts and say this prayer together. say, "Dear Lord Jesus, I put my trust in You. You love me and always want the best for me. Because You went to the cross, I can have the health and healing that I need. Thank You Lord for loving me so much. Amen!"

**Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."**