

# From Crumbs to Feasting: Table Seating for the Nations

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27 And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Gospel Parallel: Matt 15:21-28

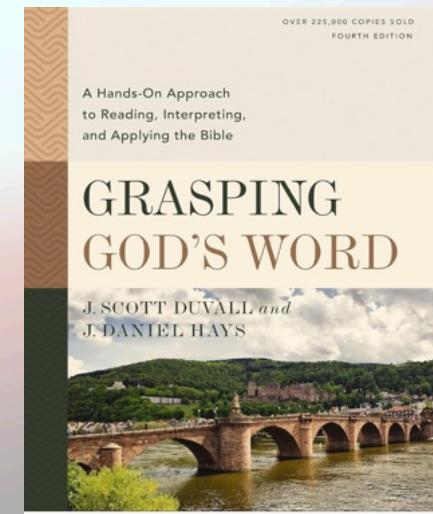
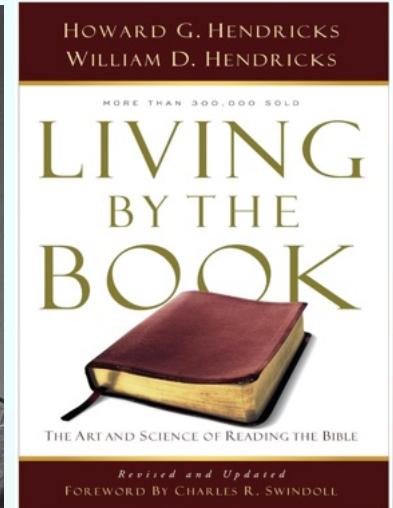
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The Word as a starting point.

Observation

Interpretation

Application



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Observation      What does it say?

Interpretation      What does it mean?

Application      What are we going to do about it?

(Why is it so hard?)

# How are you reading the text?

What perspective are you taking?

- 1. Woman**
- 2. Jesus**
- 3. Disciples**
- 4. Daughter**
- 5. Mark**
- 6. Others? (E.g., owner of the house, onlooker, neighbor)**

# What do we notice about the woman?

(What are some words to describe her?)

**Outsider**

**Needy**

**Syrophoenician**

**Helpless**

**Gentile (Matt)**

**Bold**

**Canaanite (Matt)**

**Smart**

**Alone**

**Aware**

**Searching**

**Hopeful**

# Disruption



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Mt 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”

Mt 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”

Why so quiet, Jesus?

Salvation as a disruption event.

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

Eph 2:1-4

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. 1 Th 1:9.

God brings salvation in unexpected ways  
and disrupts the path of destruction.

# Disruption Desperation



# How is this desperation?

1. Mark says she begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter
2. Matthew says she called him "Lord, Son of David"
3. She broke through the cultural barrier.
  - Matthew: Canaanite woman.
  - Mark: "Now the woman was a Gentile woman"



God is working in our times of  
need.

“Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:25

God becomes our only source  
of hope.

Disruption  
Desperation  
Determination

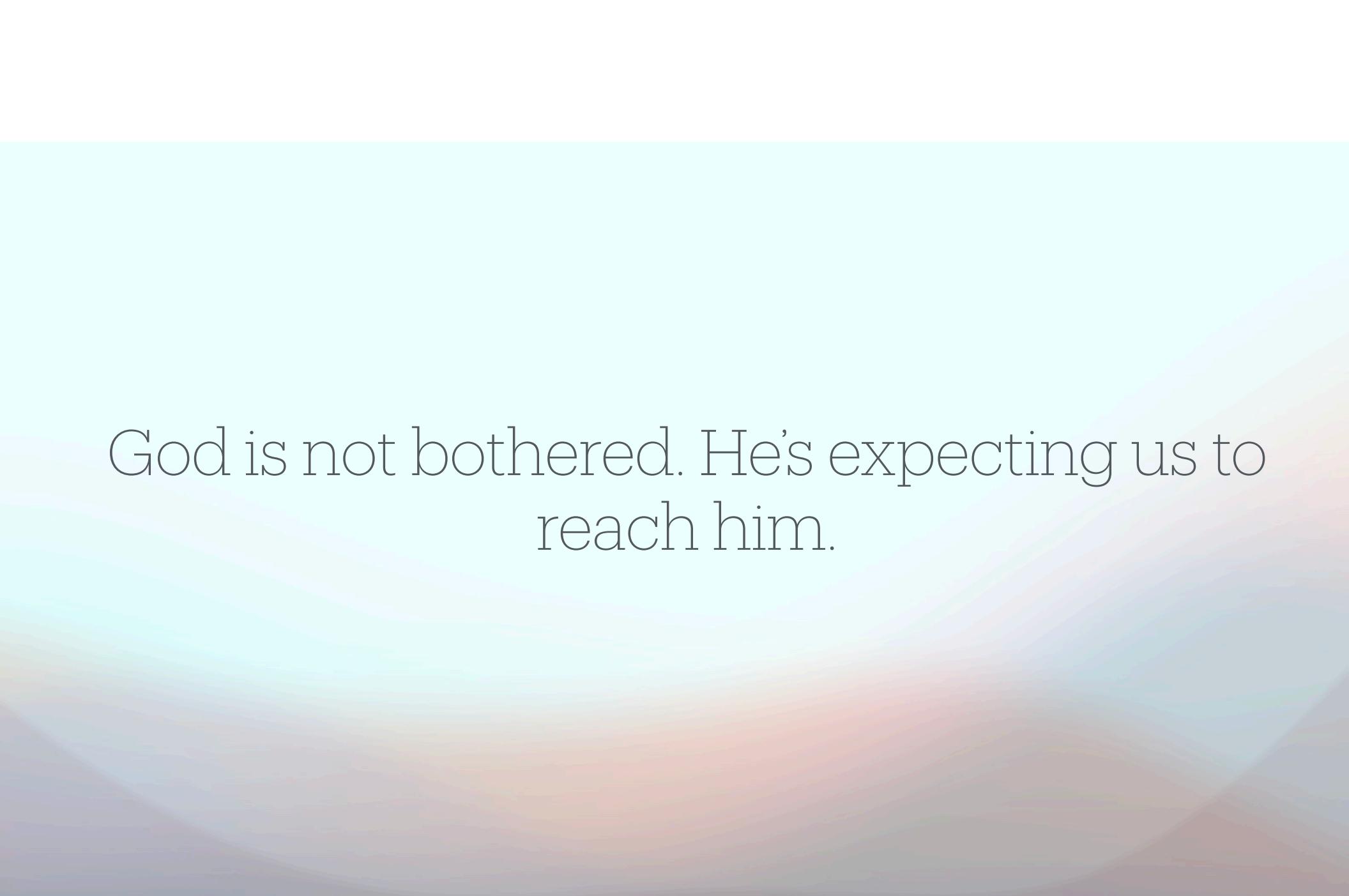


Jesus: “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

# Low Blow?

1. Children eat first. (You're not one of them.)
2. If you eat, they won't eat. (You can't have it. Not enough to go around?)
3. We don't feed dogs when there's not enough. (You're a dog.)

Determination = Faith



God is not bothered. He's expecting us to  
reach him.

## Delight in the woman's faith.

Mark 7:29 And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”

Mt 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire. And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Desperation  
Determination  
Deliverance



## Travel distance and times from Capernaum:

Jerusalem - 85 miles (3-4 days)

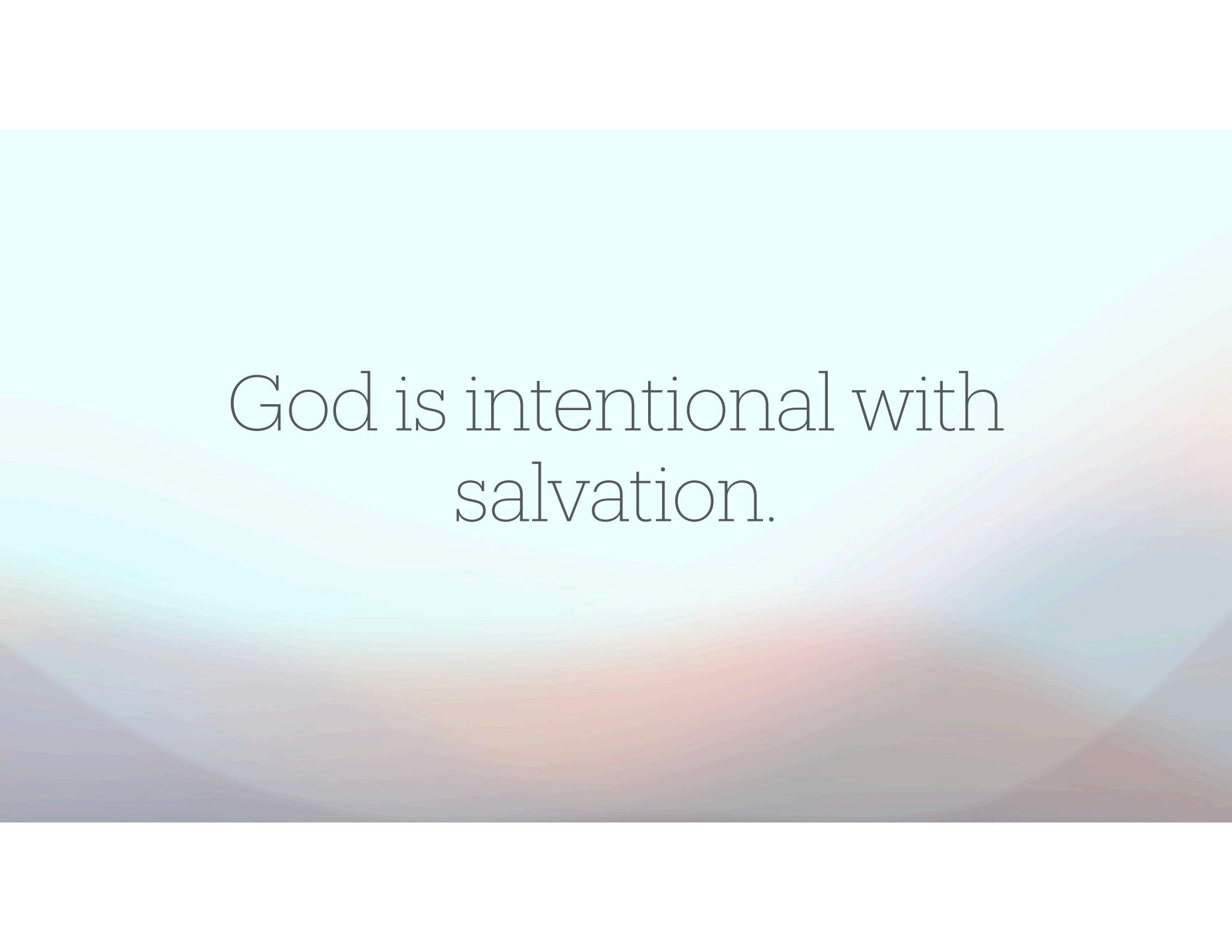
Tyre - 35 miles (a week?)

Sidon - 50 miles (a week?)





Jesus was intentional.



God is intentional with  
salvation.

Disruption  
Desperation  
Determination  
Deliverance  
Discipleship



# gatekeepers?

Did Jesus need his disciples to be his gatekeepers?

Heb 13:12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

Heb 13:13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

God is refining his disciples.

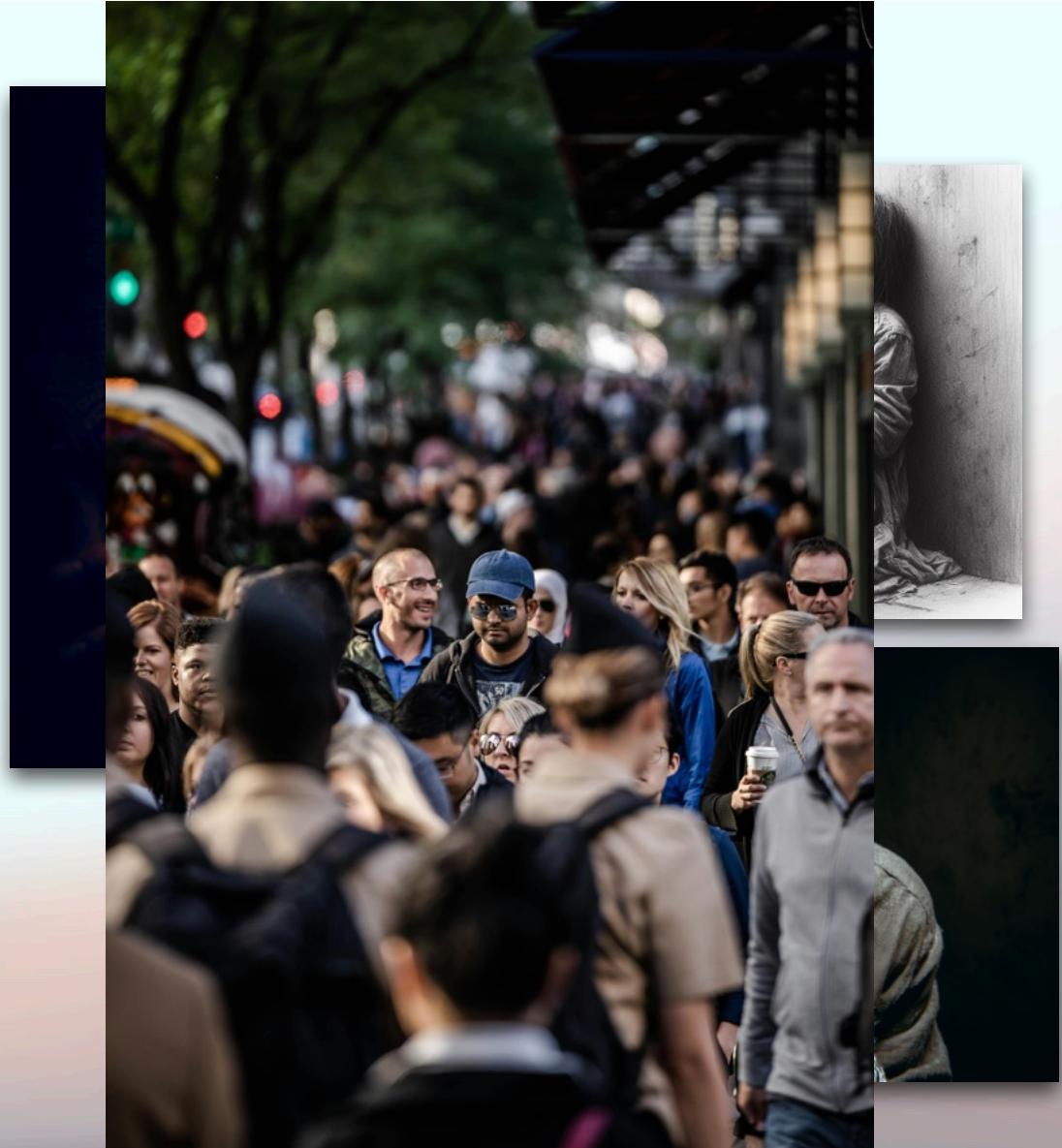
God is refining the people that are being sent.

The woman's story is our story.

The unworthy is made worthy.

The Gentile (lit. “other nation-er”)  
is brought into God’s family.

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Discipleship



Why is it so hard?

1. Lack of knowledge?
2. Lack of opportunities?
3. Lack of resources?
4. Lack of heart?

“Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.”

Prayer as a way of wrestling with God.

(The Lord is already on the move.)

“My yoke is easy.” -Jesus











A large word cloud centered on the word "density". The words are in various sizes and colors, including shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Some words have small text below them, likely indicating their meaning or origin. The background features a faint, stylized landscape with hills and a path.

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door  
dwell  
discipline  
details  
decision  
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