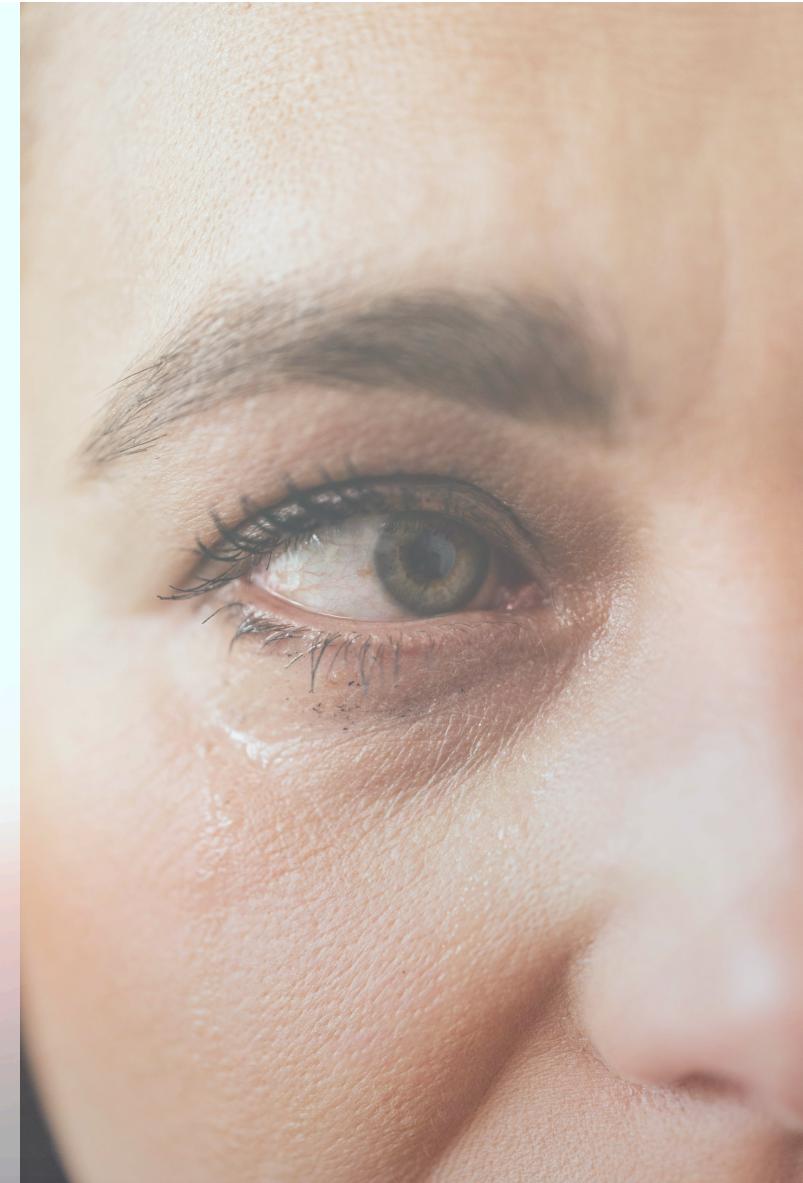


# From Crumbs to Feasting: Table Seating for the Nations

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## Mark 7:24-30

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

## Mark 7:24-30

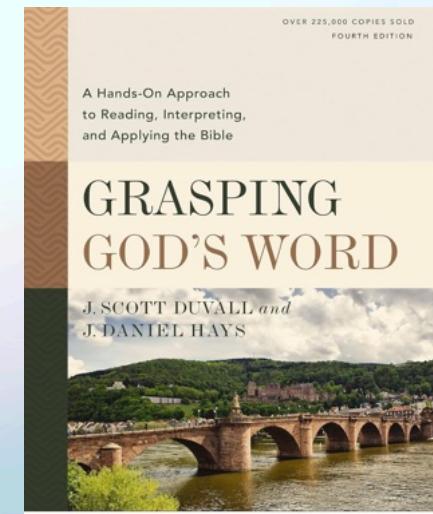
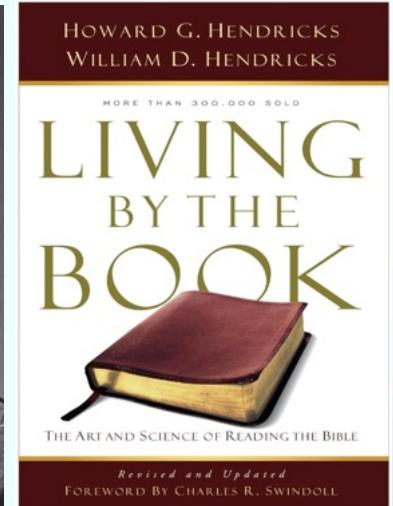
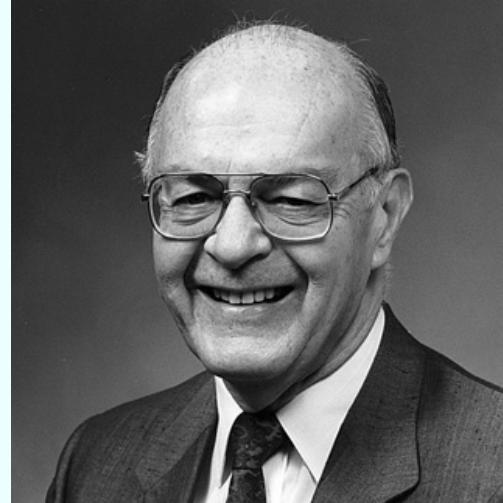
27 And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon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

# Doing theology.

The Word as a starting point.

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application



# Doing theology.

The Word as a starting point.

- 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



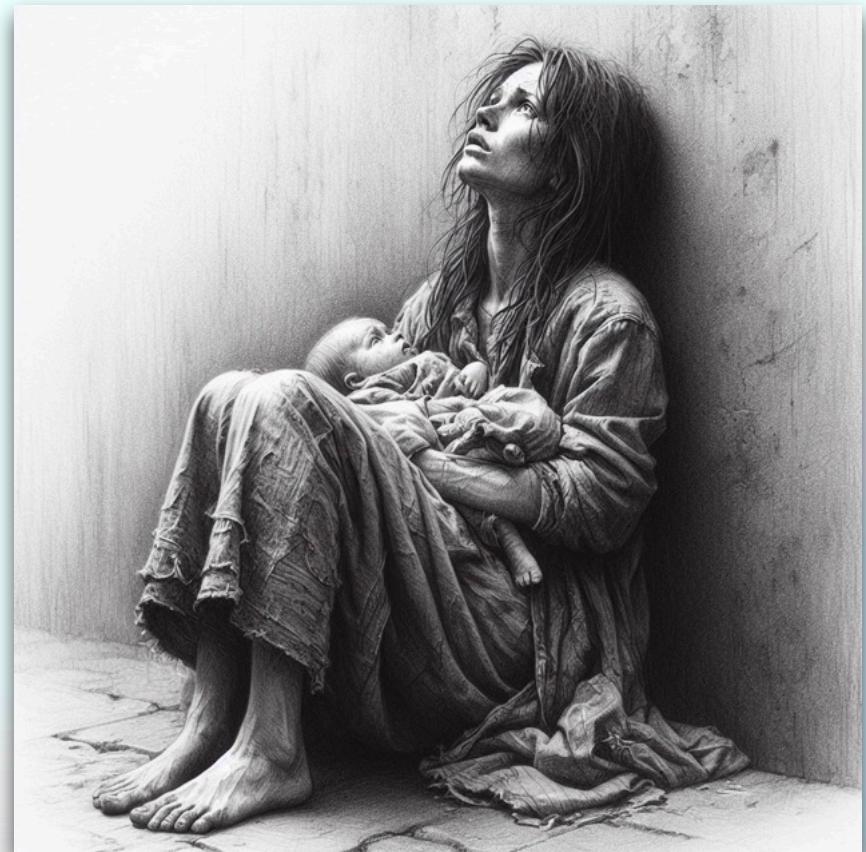
Excitement in the unexpected.

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.”

Salvation is a disruption event.

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 breaks through the cultural barrier.
  - Matthew: Canaanite woman.
  - Mark: "Now the woman was a Gentile woman"



God is working in our times of  
need.

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.

Disruption  
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 intental with salvation.

Disruption  
Desperation  
Determination  
Deliverance  
Discipleship



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.

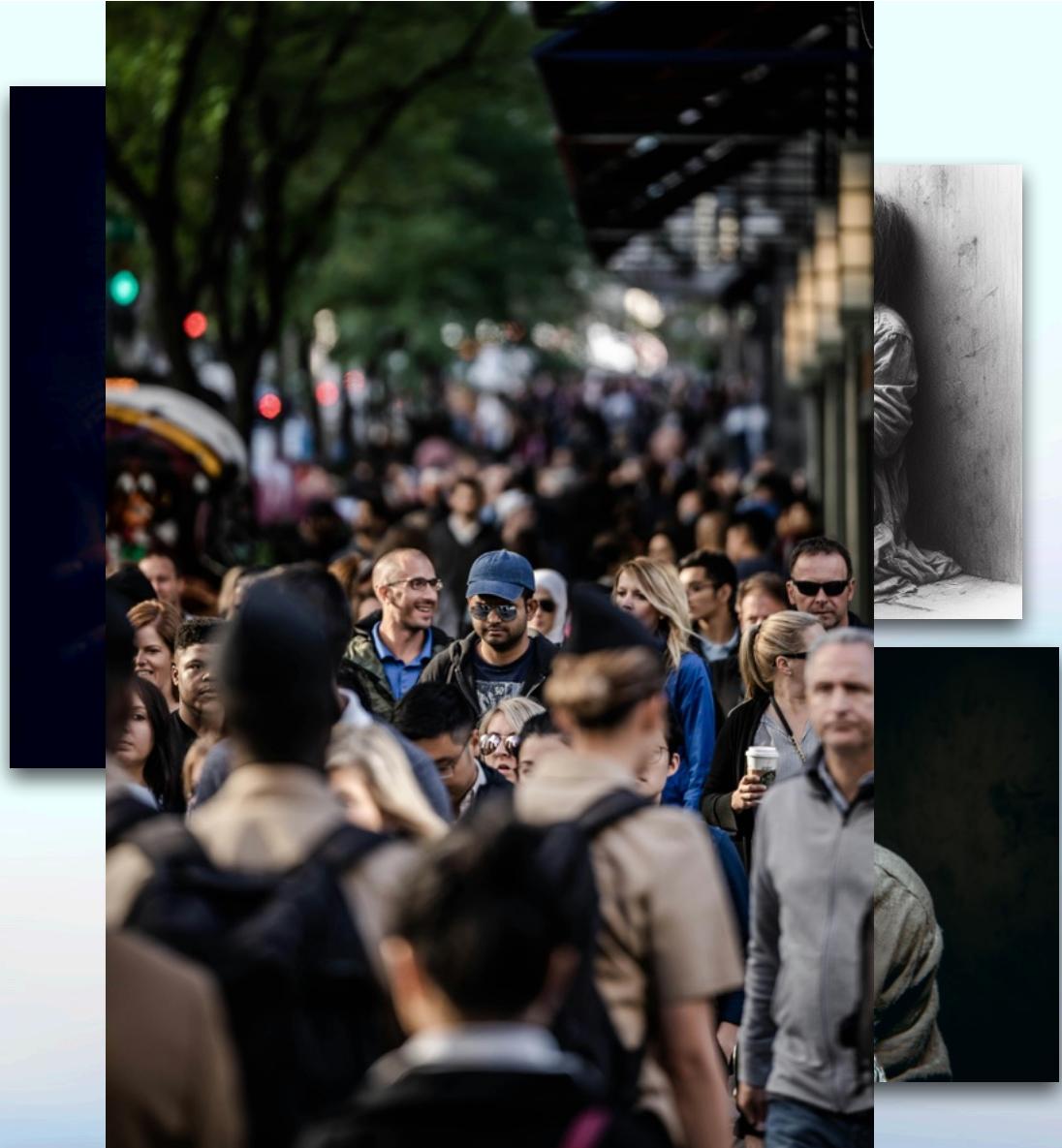
God is refining the people that are being  
sent.

The woman's story is our story.

The unworthy is made worthy.

The Gentile (other nation-er) is  
brought into God's family.

Disruption  
Desperation  
Determination  
Deliverance  
Discipleship













A large word cloud centered on the word "density". The words are colored in various shades of red, orange, green, and blue. Some words have small text labels near them, such as "drapes" above "direction", "displacement" above "drivel", "delight" above "density", "devotion" above "demands", "devil" above "dampen", "drive" above "design", "denial" above "desire", "dependent" above "doorpost", and "disillusionment" below "doxology".

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drapes  
depth direction  
door dwell  
discipline  
dedication  
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