SERMON NOTES

Mother's Day

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"Marked By Extravagant Love" 9/9

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Romans 5:8 "But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him." Message

Mark 7:24-30 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

1. _____ opens the door to extravagant love.

Acts 11:19-21 Those who had been scattered by the persecution triggered by Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, but they were still only speaking and dealing with their fellow Jews. 20 Then some of the men from Cyprus and Cyrene who had come to Antioch started talking to Greeks, giving them the Message of the Master Jesus. 21 God was pleased with what they were doing and put his stamp of approval on it - quite a number of the Greeks believed and turned to the Master.

_____ gets in the way of experiencing God's extravagant love.

God responds to _____ _____ _____.

Mark 7:29-30 Jesus was impressed. "You're right! On your way! Your daughter is no longer disturbed. The demonic affliction is gone." She went home and found her daughter relaxed on the bed, the torment gone for good. *Message*

James 4:6 And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble." The Message

1-Humility
- Pride
- Humility & faith

2-Extravagant love
- Sovereign

2. _____ _____ should cause us to love extravagantly.

Mark 14: 3-9 // John 11:1-6

God's timing is not ours. He is _____.

John 12:4-6 Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them."

GRO GROUP

SERMON BASED LESSON GUIDE

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Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.

Priming the Pump **Psalm 113:9** refers to the "joyful mother of children". Take some time for the mothers in your group to talk about what makes being a mother a joyful charge for them.

Read **John 4:1-42**, to some, the familiar story of the "woman at the well". Below I've listed 10 specific observations/details John made. Go through the list and talk about 'Why it was important that this fact was included in the account. What do we need to know from its inclusion? How can it help us? Any of these details could have been left out and we still would have witnessed an awesome encounter - so why were they important to add?

1. v. 2 *"Jesus Himself was not baptizing"*
2. v. 5 *"the parcel of ground Jacob gave to Joseph"... "Jacob's well was there"* 1800+ years later...
3. v. 6 *"Jesus was wearied from His journey"*
4. v. 8 *"His disciples went to town to buy food",* keeping in mind recent week's lessons.
5. v. 10 *"the gift of God"* To what gift could Jesus be referring?
6. v. 22 *"you worship that which you do not know"* What all could this mean and how might **Psalm 115:1-8** add meaning?
7. v. 22 *"salvation is from the Jews",* but you don't need to worship in Jerusalem...
8. v. 24 *"God is spirit"*
9. v. 27 *"they marveled that He was speaking to a woman"*
10. v. 39-42 *"many believed because of the word of the woman...it is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this... is the Savior",* what a quick transition from relying on someone else's testimony to owning it themselves. How can we be more like these villagers who wanted to experience Jesus themselves rather than relying on someone else's word.

GROUP Action We still need groups to sign up to do at least one night of Summer Serve.

FURTHER READING *(Scripture for Daily Reading)*

Day 1 **Exodus 19**	*Day 2* **John 4**	*Day 3* **Psalm 26, 27**
Day 4 **Exodus 20, 24**	*Day 5* **Psalm 113, 114**	*Day 6* **Psalm 28,29**