

# MY GOD IN MOTION...

How Should We Treat Others?

*“It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” Matthew 15:26*

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

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# Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How
- Resources
- Discussion
- Prayer Updates / New Requests
- Feedback
- Next Session & Future Topics
- Closing

# Purpose & Opening

- Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works  
“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,  
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
Hebrews 10:24-25
- Opening Prayer:  
Thank you for this opportunity  
Give me Words to deliver Your message  
Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective  
Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word  
Help us get to know You through Your Word  
Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be  
Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh  
Help us bring glory to You in all we do

# Topic

What: How Should We Treat Others

Why:

- My children come in all shapes and sizes.
- They all suffer in this fallen world.
- My entire creation groans waiting for the children of God to manifest.
- I came in person to show by example and create a path for each of you to follow.
  - Follow me, Imitate Me, Become love.
- I will form in you and they will see me in you and through you.

(From Journaling with Jesus 6/10)

Approach: What, Why, How

# A Canaanite Woman Pursues Healing

## Matthew 15:21-28

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

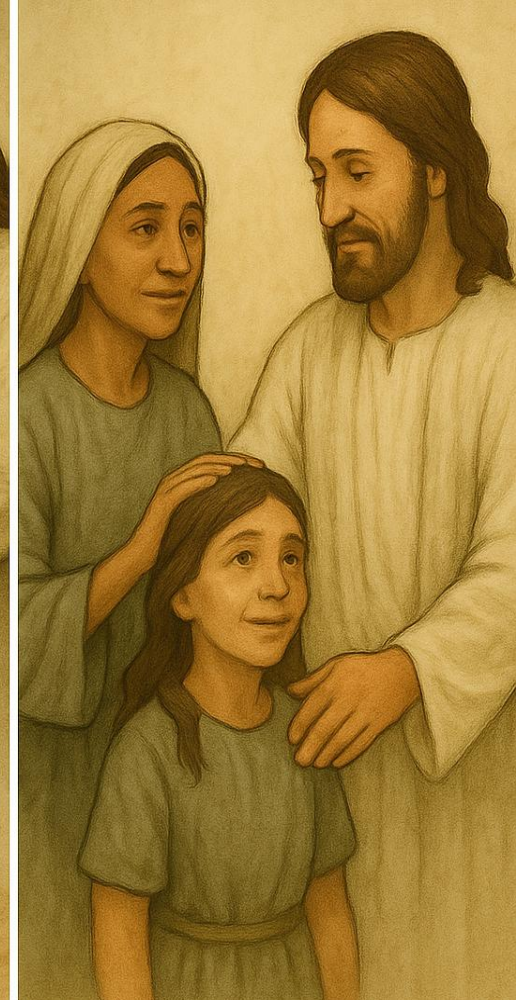
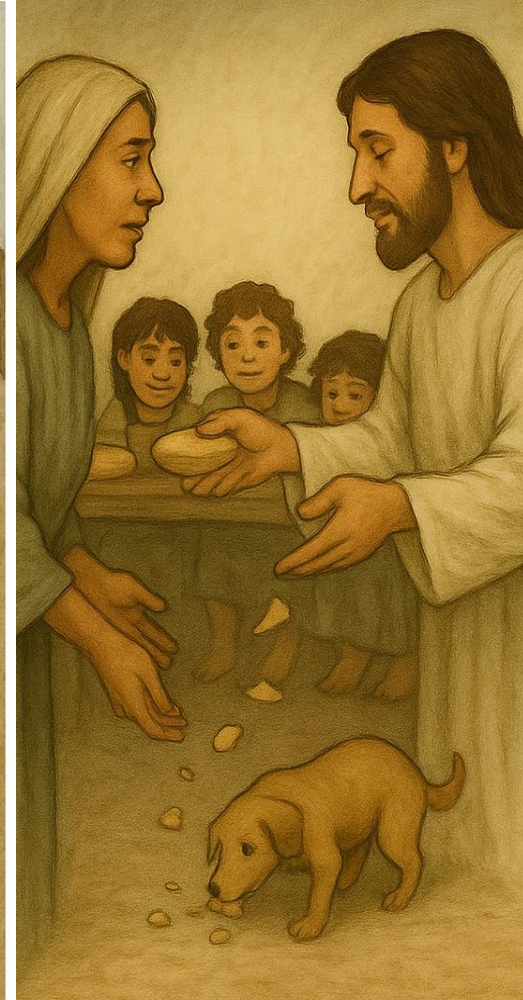
But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

# Things To Ponder

- Where were they?
- Canaanite history
- Jesus' calling
- What got her daughter healed?
- How did she demonstrate Faith
- Jesus' approach
- How does Jesus treat "Others"



# Where Was Jesus

“Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.”

- Tyre and Sidon are in modern Lebanon, originally part of Canaan
- Gentile controlled areas, some Jews scattered



# Amorites/Canaanites

## Genesis 15:13-16

Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for **the iniquity of the Amorites** is not yet complete.”

## Deuteronomy 12:31

“You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they **burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.**”

## Deuteronomy 7:1-5

“When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them.

You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.”

# Jesus' Calling / Priority

## Matthew 15:24

"But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

## Matthew 10:5-6

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

## Romans 1:16:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

## Romans 2:10:

"But glory, honor, and peace, to every one that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

# What Healed Her Daughter?

## Matthew 15:22-28

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

## Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

## Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

## James 5:15

“And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

## Matthew 21:22

“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

# How Did She Demonstrate Faith?

## Matthew 15:21-28

22 And behold, a woman of Canaan **came** from that region and **cried out** to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, **O Lord, Son of David!** My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

23 But He answered her not a word.

24 And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for **she cries out** after us.”

25 Then **she came and worshiped Him**, saying, “Lord, help me!”

26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

27 And she said, “Yes, **Lord**, yet even the **little dogs** eat the crumbs which fall from their **masters’** table.”

# Put Your Faith Into Action: Think, Speak, Do

## James 2:26

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."

Person	Demonstration of Faith	Result	Reference
Woman with the Hemorrhage	Pursued in crowd, Touched the hem of Jesus' garment, believing she'd be healed, Admitted It Was her.	"Your faith has made you well"	Mark 5:25–34, Matthew 9:20-22
Blind Bartimaeus	Cried out persistently for mercy; called Jesus "Son of David" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more.	"Your faith has made you well"	Mark 10:46–52
The Paralytic (Let Down Through Roof)	Friends brought him and lowered him through the roof	Jesus "Saw Their Faith, Forgiven/Healed	Matthew 9:1–8
The Centurion	Sought Him, Pleaded, Believed Jesus could heal his servant with just a word	"I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel" Servant healed.	Matthew 8:5–13
Woman Who Anointed Jesus	Sinner entered Pharisees house, Wept at Jesus' feet, anointed them with perfume, and kissed them	"Your faith has saved you"	Luke 7:36–50
The Sinful Woman (in Simon's house)	Came uninvited, weeping and anointing Jesus' feet in repentance	"Your faith has saved you"	Luke 7:50

# Jesus Challenged Them To Draw Out Their Faith

Person	Question Asked	Demonstration of Faith	Blessing Received	Reference
The Blind Man near Jericho	"What do you want Me to do for you?"	"Lord, that I may receive my sight."	Jesus restored his sight	Luke 18:41–43
The Man at the Pool of Bethesda	"Do you want to be made well?"	He explained his hopelessness, yet stayed by the pool	Jesus healed him after 38 years of infirmity	John 5:6–9
Martha (Sister of Lazarus)	"Do you believe this?" (regarding resurrection and eternal life)	"Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ..."	Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead	John 11:25–27, 40–44
The Two Blind Men	"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"	They said, "Yes, Lord."	Their eyes were opened, and they received sight	Matthew 9:28–30
The Woman with the Hemorrhage	"Who touched My clothes?"	She came forward trembling, confessing it was her	Jesus confirmed her healing and called her "daughter"	Mark 5:30–34
The Disciples (Feeding 5000)	"How many loaves do you have?"	They brought the loaves and fish	Jesus multiplied food to feed thousands	Mark 6:38–44
The Father of the Demon-Possessed Boy	"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."	He cried out, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"	His son was healed and delivered	Mark 9:23–27

# Who Are “Others”?

- Brethren / Believers
- Non-Believers – those outside the faith
- Unrighteous – those behaving badly / sinners
- Family – those connected to you by blood or marriage
- Friends – those aligned with your interest
- Neighbors – those around you, not related
- Enemies – those who cause harm or are working against you
- Those in Need– Poor, Hungry, Homeless, Widow, Orphan, etc

# Direct Guidance: Greatest Commandment

## Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

## Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem others better than himself**. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

## Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

# Who Is Our Neighbor?

## Luke 10:25-37 - The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

# How Does Jesus See “The Least Of Us”

## Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

# Discussion

## This Topic?

- Questions / Clarification
- Practical Experiences
  - Struggles / Barriers
  - Success / Lesson Learned

## Other Topics?

## Prayer Requests

Updates

New Requests

# Updates?

## Prayer for Tamara's neighbor who fell off the unsafe balcony?

- We did a prayer for victim after our last session
- Contractor called victim
- Reported feeling much better
- Surgery will not be major
- Expecting full recovery
- No animosity
- Contractor learned lesson
- Tamara felt Relief

## God is good!

- Ask for input to see things from his perspective,
- Then pray His will into place and trust Him to work all things for good

# Any New Prayer Requests?

- Name
- Situation
- Desired Outcome
- Prayer considerations
  - God's Will Be Done:
    - Repentance, Heaven and Earth All Following Jesus, Creation Restored
    - God has wonderful plans for everyone – fulfil created value - they may be blind to it
  - Devil lies, steals, and destroys, Jesus brings Life in Abundance
  - When we believe in Jesus we are saved / Sozo / made whole.
  - Jesus already did the work – By His Stripes We WERE healed
  - Speak To The Mountain
    - Don't tell God about our mountain
    - Tell the mountain about our God

# Call to Action:

- Put Your Faith Into Action: Think, Speak, Do
- Golden Rule: Treat Others As You Would Like to Be Treated
  - Brothers
  - Family/Friends
  - Neighbors
  - Non-Believers
  - Enemies

# Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
  - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
  - ✓ Good Mix - Content & Discussion
  - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
  - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
  - ✓ Do quick intro when new folks so they get familiar
  - ✓ Host log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
  - ✓ Me: Send Reminder Text Early, and then 30 min before
  - ✓ Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
  - ✓ Me: Mute participants during presentation to improve sound quality
  - ✓ Add Page Num, Session Num, Date to slides for easier ref
  - Make chunks of content, easier to process/discuss

# Next Session & Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

## Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Gratitude Defeats Anxiety
- Deny Your Life To The Point Of Death!
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!
- Yield Your Life To Find It – His Will, Not Yours
- What does it look like to Love God with all your heart

**Next Session:  
Thurs 6/19/25**

## Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times
- What does the new heaven/new earth mean?
- What are the steps to discernment

# Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light,  
shine as a bright beacon in this dark world, and  
do all things in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

