

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewings as Vin was hospitalized last week because of his kidneys being inflamed. Pray for Barb who is having nerve pain. Pray for Donna's family, as she recently passed away. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Hubleys.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for Barb.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for our politicians. Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage from the recent hurricanes.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 12/8/24: 51

Online views (through 12/10): 4

Giving

Online: (12/2/24-12/8/24): \$65

In-Person on 12/8/24: \$6953 for general, \$50 for missions, \$75 for memorial



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Welcome!

December 15th, 2024

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a example of great faith.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: We are having a Christmas Candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 6:30pm. This will be a family-oriented service, lasting around 30 minutes. We hope to see everyone there!

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING AND LUNCH: Thank you to all those who helped out at our annual church family meeting last week! If you were not able to attend, but would still like the information that was provided, please contact Pastor Josh.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUND: Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set up a relief fund to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. To donate, follow the QR code to the right.



PAJAMA DRIVE: Our foster closet team is doing a drive to collect warm pajamas for the winter. The greatest need is 12 months through child size 10/12, for both boys and girls. Donations can be dropped off by the welcome counter.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

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FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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Matt. 15:22-23, Ps. 51:1-6, Rom. 3:23, 6:23
2. Ruminating on God's _____
Matt. 15:21, 24-27, 1 Pet. 2:9, 2 Pet. 3:9, Heb. 4:16, Lam. 3:22-23
3. Being _____
Matt. 15:22-28, Luke 18:1-8, 1 Thess. 5:17-18, Eph. 6:18, James 5:16

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- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and the example that the Canaanite woman gives us about having great faith, what stands out to you the most?

Diving In

1. During this story, it can almost seem as though Jesus is blowing off the Canaanite woman. Why do you think Jesus doesn't respond to her at first, and when He does, He doesn't give the response that we typically see Him give to people that come to Him out of faith? How does James 1:2-4 help us to answer this question?
2. Read Matt. 15:22. The woman acknowledged her need for God's mercy. How would acknowledging your own need for God's mercy help you in your faith?
3. Read Matthew 15:27. Why did the woman respond this way? She must have known about Jesus' character, and His desire to see all people come into a saving relationship with Him. How would reminding yourself of this truth help your faith?
4. If you were in the position of the woman in this story, would you have been as persistent as she was? Read Luke 18:1-8. What does the parable of the persistent widow have in common with this story from Matthew 15:21-28? What do you need to go to God with in this same persistent manner?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
- Who can you ask to keep you accountable to applying this to your life?

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