


The Pass-the-Plate DEVOS

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Sept 6th"


Mark 7:24-37

²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵In 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. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷"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." ²⁸"Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of our Lord!
Thanks be to God!



What do you (or did you) want to be when you grow (grew) up?

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1. Where did Jesus go? What was he hoping to keep a secret?
 2. As soon as the women with the sick daughter knew where Jesus was, what did she do?
 3. What was Jesus' first response to her? What did the women say to Jesus?
 4. What was Jesus' second response?
 5. What happened when the woman went home?
 6. Other people came to Jesus when he arrived in Sidon. Who did they bring to see Jesus? What did they want?
 7. What did Jesus do for the man?
 8. What command did Jesus give the people? Did they listen?
 9. What did the people say to one another?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Jesus healed people's bodies and souls. Jesus makes people well. It is important that we take care of our bodies and souls that he has given to us. At the table, discuss your family's eating and exercise habits. How are you guys doing? How can you eat or continue to eat healthfully? How can your family become or continue to be physically active?