

Series: Meals with Jesus
Title: Give Us Free
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1. Was this week's snow a hassle, was it fun, or a way to serve or for someone to help you, an opportunity time to just slow down or what?

Read Matthew 15:1-28. This 'meal' with Jesus is like no other. The way he talked to the woman there seems offensive to modern ears. And the washing hands story just before it is not a part of our culture.

2. Let's get the background set first. What were Tyre and Sidon known for in Jesus' day and why was it strange for Jesus to go there?
3. Jesus is always putting people's lives back together and connecting them to the Father. 1 John 3:8 states that Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Why then would he be argumentative and slow to help this distraught mother whose child is demon possessed? Does Jesus need to be pestered to give people help?
4. How do these two stories, the dispute about washing hands and Jesus finally answering the Canaanite woman's request, come together?
5. Are there misguided manmade traditions or barriers the Lord might want us to drop?
6. Since Jesus lives in us, what groups of people should we associate with that earlier generations would deem, out of the reach of God? Do you applaud when someone who is not like you begins to follow Jesus?
7. Have you seen someone you never thought would believe, believe and show great faith?
8. How might this experience prepare the disciples for Jesus final words to them at the end of this gospel in Matthew 28:16-20?
9. What does Pastor Kip mean by "The Master's table is wide, beautiful and messy?"
10. How does this story point to the believability of the Bible?