MESSAGE OUTLINE
Come With Me
14. Breaking Boundaries

Mark 7:24-30 (NLT)
24 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. **25** Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, **26** and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, **27** Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

28 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."

29 "Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." **30** And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

1. Jesus' engagement beyond boundaries.
Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands) — **12** remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. *Ephesians 2:11–13 (NIV)*

2. Jesus' response to real needs.
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Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. **32** A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him.

33 Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. **34** Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" **35** Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!
36 Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more he they spread the news. **37** They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." *Mark 7:31-37 (NIV)*

▪ **witness**   ▪ **participate**

3. Jesus' reputation in the world for salvation.
"That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates." [Jesus said,] "Good answer!"

sōzō = salvation
- Rescue "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" *Matthew 8:25 (NLT)*
- Heal "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." *Mark 5:28 (NLT)*
- Save "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" *Mark 10:17 (NLT)*

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." **8** He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food… **28** The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, **29** "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" *John 4:7–8; 28–29 (NLT)*

▪ **Establishing and nurturing a relationship with God through Jesus.**
God, thank you for showing yourself to me. Jesus, I turn to you, admit I need you, and ask you to enter my heart by faith. By your Spirit, restore my heart with your forgiveness; help me to hear your voice and know your love. Gather me with others to worship and serve you; to nurture our faith and shine your light in the world. Thank you for calling me your child. Amen.

For next week: Read Mark 8 and journal on Mark 8:27-30. Follow the format of Observation, Reflection and Prayer as outlined on the Come With Me card and using your Mark journal. Download the Filament App for Mark as you study the passage in your time alone with God each day.