

Announcements

Join us the
Second Sunday
Of every month!

Hour of PRAYER & PRAISE

TONIGHT @6:00pm

Life In Christ Church Sanctuary
51 Hillmond Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

Scripture & Testimony Sharing

"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."
~Psalm 34:3



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entering new life in Christ,
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empowered for life service by Christ

November 9, 2025

Elders

Pastor Norman Carlisle Lead Pastor
Rev. Mike Henderson Associate Pastor
Martin Rosario
Jamie Sumner
Enoch Whipple

**Youth Director/
Assistant to the Pastor**
Tim Corbett

Deacons

James Odinyo Lead Deacon
Alexander Algard
Hannah Bovard
Micah Carlisle
Tim Corbett
Brock Nearhoof
Kriss Olivo
Kathy Pedri

Ministers:
ALL BELIEVERS

Current Series:
**The Book of
Romans**
In Fellowship Hall

Lifeinary
Theology learned and lived!
9:30am
for all ages

Current Series:
**Grasping God's
Word**
In Youth Room

Worship Service

10:30am

- Fellowship (in Fellowship hall)
- Welcome & Announcements Ben Bovard
- Opening Song Music Team
- Scripture Reading & Prayer Lily Whipple
- Presenting New Members
*Russ Altif *Elysa Altif
- Message Pastor Norman
- Communion Congregation
- Praise & Ministry Music Team
- Receiving New Members
- Closing Prayer Lily Whipple

*additional seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Info

Infants & Nursing Mothers

Nursery Downstairs under Foyer

Children's Church (18mo - 6th grade)

Check-in available in Classrooms Upstairs

Offering

If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or **App**.



The Week Ahead...



Sunday, November 9th

Sunday School - 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30am

Prayer & Praise Night - 6pm in Sanctuary

Monday, November 10th

Staff Meeting - 3pm in Pastor's Study

Elder & Deacon Prayer - 7pm in Room 33

Elder Meeting - 7:30pm in Room 33

Deacon Meeting - 7:30pm in Youth Office

Tuesday, November 11th

AWANA - 6pm

Wednesday, November 12th

Pastor's Meeting - 12pm in Fellowship Hall

Foundation Youth Group - 7pm in Youth Room

Thursday, November 13th

Youth For Christ - 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall & Youth Rm

Men's Study - 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 14th

Young Adult Study - 7pm in Youth Room

Saturday, November 15th

Music Practice - 6pm in Sanctuary

Psalms 86:5-10 (NASB)

5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all who call upon You. **6** Listen, Lord, to my prayer; and give Your attention to the sound of my pleading! **7** On the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me.

8 There is no one like You among the gods, Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. **9** All nations whom You have made will come and worship before You, Lord, and they will glorify Your name. **10** For You are great, and you do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

Discussion Guide

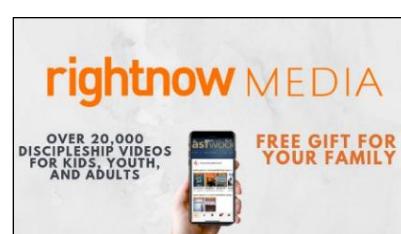
Date: November 9, 2025

Sermon Title: "Mercy At The Master's Table"



More about Home Groups...

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES (NASB unless otherwise noted)

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

23 But He did not answer her with even a word. And His disciples came up and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us!”

24 But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

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

27 And she said, “Yes, Lord; but please help, for even the dogs feed on the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at once.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is Jesus moving away from the Jewish region to a Gentile one?
2. Why was the prejudice against Gentiles (and woman) so prevalent among the Jewish people (especially the religious leaders)?
3. Talk about Christians you have encountered who display prejudice and improper demeaning attitude toward:
 - Christians of other Denominations
 - Unbelievers
 - Women
 - Jews
4. Talk about the distinction between demon *possession* and demon *oppression*.
5. Why do you think Jesus initially ignored the woman?
6. What does the response of the disciples tell us (Matt. 5:23)?
7. What was the purpose of Jesus to come across so dismissive and seemingly rude (Matt. 14:24& 26)?
8. Why did Jesus say this woman had “great” faith?
9. What “crumbs” of mercy from the Master’s Table have you experienced?