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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

Intro: When Things Aren't Working

"If at first you don't succeed,
try, try again!"

"The definition of insanity is to
continue doing the SAME
thing and expecting a
DIFFERENT result."

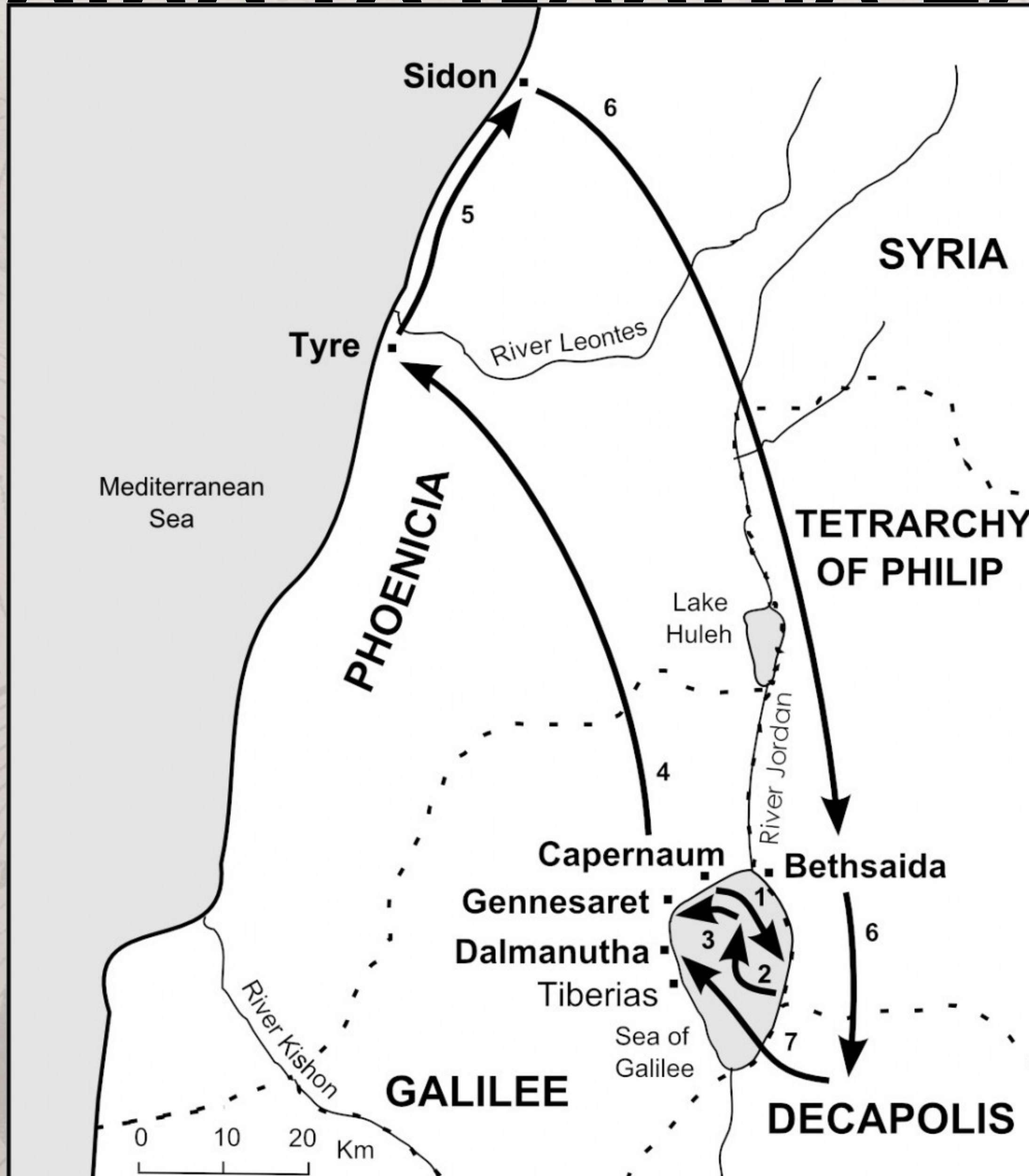
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Jesus shows us today that there is a way to move in a new direction... without giving up on the original plan!

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Mark 7:24-30

I. Responding to Gentile Edith (24-30)



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Jewish history with TYRE:

Queen Jezebel - ruined the Northern Kingdom

Fought AGAINST Israel in the Maccabean Revolt

"The inhabitants of Tyre were our bitterest enemies." - Josephus

I. Responding to Gentile Faith (24-30)

Why would Jesus go to Tyre?
To show that there are no
UNCLEAN PEOPLE!

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Mark takes great pains to demonstrate how NON-JEWISH this woman is. A Greek, Syro-Phoenician woman from TYRE!

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How does this woman know to approach Jesus about her demon-possessed daughter?

(Go back to Mark 3:8)

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Mark presents this woman as the "opposite" of Jairus. (Male/female, Jew/Gentile, Synagogue ruler/enemy of Israel).

Yet they have ONE thing in common... **FAITH** in Jesus!

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“Even the dogs are given the crumbs from the table...”

God's GRACE is SUFFICIENT!

Just as there were leftovers from the miraculous feeding, so Jesus can include the Gentiles without depriving the Jews!

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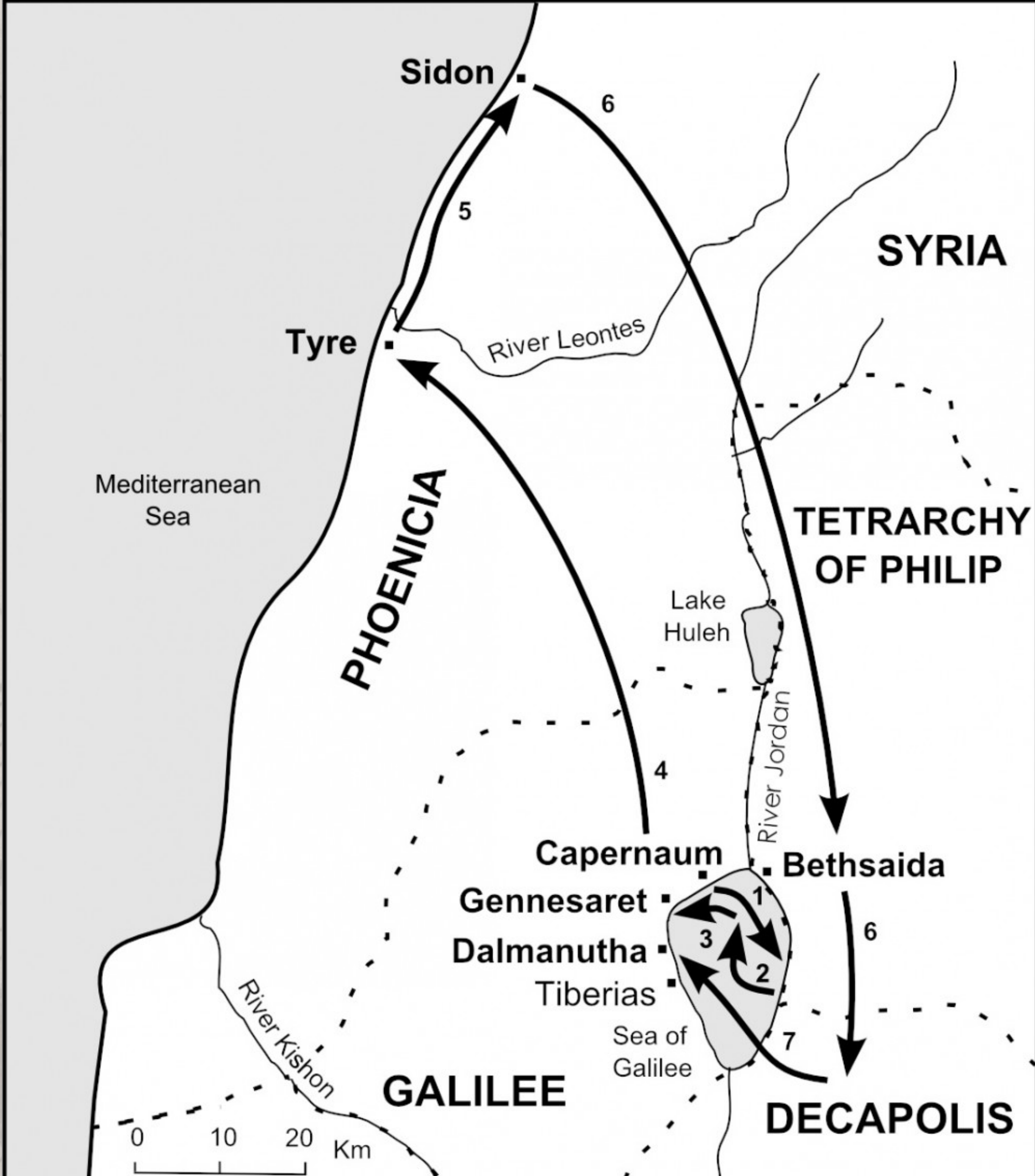
“Woman, you have great FAITH!”

—Matthew 15:28

A faint, circular background illustration of a stormy sea. The scene is enclosed in a thin circular border. In the upper right, a sun with rays is partially obscured by a cloud. The sea is depicted with numerous curved lines representing waves, some of which are breaking. In the lower right, the bow of a boat is visible, with three masts or crosses on its deck. The overall style is that of a light-colored, possibly embossed or faintly drawn, illustration on a textured paper background.

Mark 7:31-37

II. Healing the Gentile Sick (31-37)



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How did the Gentile Decapolis learn of Jesus? (Go back to Mark 5:18-20)

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How amazing that the same people who had previously **BEGGED** Jesus to leave are now **BEGGING** Him to stay and touch a deaf man?

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In Jewish thought, spit (and blood) were contaminants... but in Jesus, ALL things are clean. If Jesus can use spit to cleanse a man's hearing, then He will use BLOOD to cleanse a man's soul!

II. Healing the Gentile Sick (31-37)

A direct reference to Isaiah 35?

-Messiah will OPEN the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf.

-A highway through the desert of Lebanon (Tyre & Sidon), so the REDEEMED will enter Zion with singing!

A faint, circular background illustration depicting a stormy sea. In the foreground, a boat is shown navigating through large, dark waves. The sky is filled with swirling lines representing wind and rain. In the upper right corner, a large, bright sun or moon is partially obscured by a dark, stormy cloud. The overall scene conveys a sense of a powerful natural force, likely representing the storm in the biblical story of Mark 8:1-10.

Mark 8:1-10

III. Feeding Hungry Gentiles (1-10)

Is this the same story we already looked at in Mark 6?

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Jesus refers to TWO separate feedings of TWO separate crowds in Mark 8:19-20.

III. Feeding Hungry Gentiles (1-10)

Why is Jesus doing the same miracles a second time? And why does Mark record them?

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

Mark shows Jesus repeating the miracles of Galilee in the GENTILE territory!

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

Jairus (**man**) vs Syro-Phoenician **woman** -> both need help with their daughters.

Pharisees would see a huge difference between the two... but by **FAITH**, they are exactly the same to Jesus!

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

**Jewish woman with bleeding vs
Gentile man who is deaf. Both
are healed by the TOUCH of
Jesus.**

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Jewish crowd of 5000 vs Gentile crowd of 4000. Jesus feeds them both and collects leftovers, because God's GRACE is more than enough for both!

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

Mark repeats the same sequence of miracles to show that Jesus comes to extend God's GRACE... FIRST to the Jew, and THEN to the Gentile.

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

While the Jews are largely resistant, the Gentiles are largely receptive. As Jesus "sends the (Gentile) crowd away", Mark uses the word *apolyein*. "To release or liberate"!

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

What do we learn from this story? There are no unclean people! We must follow the **JESUS WAY** as we carry out the Mission.

Conclusion: So What's the Point?

1. We need to go and tell our story.
2. God is working, even when we are not present.
3. There is value in circling back with people to keep the conversation going!



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