

## Mark 7: 24-30 Be Persistent

### Exegesis (Background)

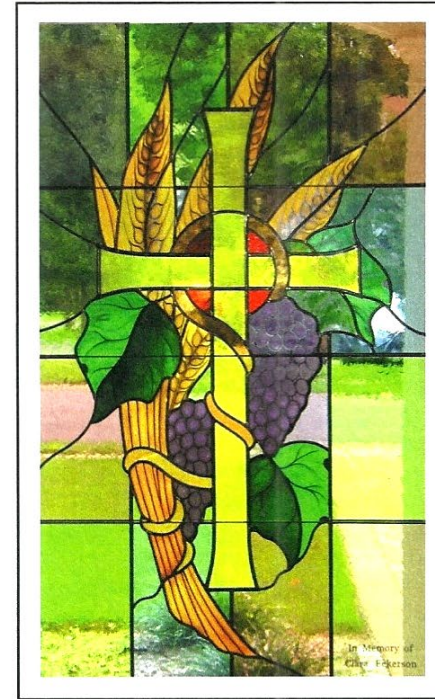
1. Jesus heads into \_\_\_\_\_ country.
2. She gives a \_\_\_\_\_ answer.
3. Jesus doesn't look \_\_\_\_\_ here.

### Life Application

1. We may be \_\_\_\_\_ who God includes.

God rewards \_\_\_\_\_ women.

Be persistent with \_\_\_\_\_.



**W**e live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

*Christ pours meaning into our lives by showing us who we are created to be.*

We live in a world with such a frenetic pace, where we are anxious and uncertain.

*Jesus brings us peace by showing us how deeply we're loved.*

We live in a world where we're surrounded by people and yet we often feel alone.

*Christ calls us into a loving community.*

Here, in this church, we are in the process of discovering the meaning, peace, and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

*We invite you into that journey with us.*



## Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

August 18, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" from Processionale  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 80

Leader: Come, O Lord, to receive our worship and our praise.  
Come, as we are gathered together in your name.

**People: We come together seeking Your Presence and Peace. Some come with suffering, or with anguish, or with distractions, but we all are here now seeking You.**

Leader: Come, O Lord, to receive our worship and our praise.

**People: We give you our devotion and ask for your mercy and forgiveness. Look upon us with your love, strength, and grace.**

**All: Come; see us, O Lord, and receive our worship and our praise.**

\*HYMN "Praise the Savior" #4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, you are the most high God. Thank you for Your love and the promise of eternal life through Jesus. Forgive us, Lord, for neglecting to contemplate our mortality and the urgency of seeking salvation. We confess our tendency to prioritize worldly concerns over our eternal destiny. Help us grasp Your love shown through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Grant us courage to face mortality with faith and empower us to share the hope that, through Jesus, death has been overcome. In His holy name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Peace I Leave with You" Roberts  
Ruth Cuffe, Elizabeth Dahlberg-Lee, Nina Pond

## The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "Seek Ye First" #713

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:9-17 p. 244 (OT)  
Mark 7:24-30 p. 42 (NT)

SERMON "Be Persistent" Rev. Zach Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

FAREWELL

### Our Response to God

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" #680

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther  
Amy Duran, piano

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Steven Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** Lord, on days when we don't feel particularly patient, gentle, or humble, we pray that your Holy Spirit would walk with us and speak to our hearts to draw us closer to God.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by the Lupfer Family in celebration of Jim's birthday and by Jane and Bruce Marshall to celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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