



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | Transformative faith is inside-out, not outside-in.

Matthew 15:1-11 (NLT)

¹ Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, ² “Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? ⁴ For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother, and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death. ⁵ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ⁶ In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

⁸ ‘These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁹ Their worship is a farce,
for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’”

¹⁰ Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand. ¹¹ It’s not what goes into your mouth that

defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

Outside-in faith is a religion of...

- **worthless words.**
- **worthless worship.**
- **worthless wisdom.**

Outside-in faith is a religion of pride.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NLT)

²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.”

²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.”

²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!”

²⁶ Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷ She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.”

²⁸ “Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

Inside-out faith is a relationship of...

- **humble worship.**
- **humble wisdom.**
- **tenacious trust.**

Inside-out faith is a relationship of humility.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most about this week's sermon?
2. When someone doesn't act how you expect, what is your response? Why?
3. Read Matthew 15:1-9. How have you seen people twist the truth to fit their way of thinking? Why is this so common?
4. Where have you tried to defend God's honor instead of describing God's heart?
5. What is the difference between a religion of pride and a relationship of humility?
6. Read Matthew 15:21-28. How can we practically have a humble relationship with God like the women in the passage?