



This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5b-6

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Conflict! Confrontation! Correction! Rebuke!

Colossians 1:28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Ministry Pattern of JESUS

- Showed compassion to hurting people
- Challenged his disciples
- Confronted the Jewish Religious Leaders (JRL)

Mark 7:1-37—three stories of Jesus in action

1. Jesus confronted the JRL (vs.1-23)
2. Jesus healed a Greek woman's daughter due to her faith (vs. 24-30)
3. Jesus healed a deaf & mute man (vs. 31-37)

Mark 7:1 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and

Mark 7:2 saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed.

Mark 7:3-4 ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

Mark 7:5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?”

Mark 7:6-7 ⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’

Mark 7:8-9 ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” ⁹ And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

Mark 7:10-12 ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), ¹² then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother.

Mark 7:13 “Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

Observations:

- Jesus would not tolerate anyone who perverted the Word of God
- Jesus confronted people who stood firm on human teachings & traditions
- Jesus exposed those whose hearts were far from God but pretended they weren’t
- Jesus made a habit of confronting those in error

REMINDER: We’re Called to Follow Jesus!

Action Step #9 Care Enough to Confront (Colossians 3:14-17)

Practical Preparation:

- 1) The Right Motive (v.14): Overflow with LOVE
- 2) The Right Spirit (v. 15): Permeate with PEACE
- 3) The Right Information: (v. 16) Understand God’s WORD
- 4) The Right Goal (v. 17): MATURITY in Christ