

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

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There are few joys in life like being wanted, chosen and embraced. There are also few pains in life like being excluded, rejected and left out. We all have a choice to make. The choice to exclude or the choice to embrace.

Have you ever felt like you were on the outside looking in? Maybe at school, at work or even at church, where certain groups of people got together to do certain things, but you didn't seem to ever get invited to join them?

In Matthew 15 we find a woman on the outside looking in. She needed something from Jesus but His disciples didn't want to let her in.

Matt 15:23 And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

The Bible doesn't say that she said anything to them but the disciples "know" that they are a part of Jesus' circle and she isn't. "Lord, we don't have time to be bothered with a woman like this, send her away."

Are you aware that there are people that you come in contact with on a regular basis, who feel left out and unloved? Maybe even in this building right now!

Jesus wasn't afraid to embrace the outcast; He spoke with them, touched them, ate with them and loved them.

Whenever people start becoming more like Jesus they find themselves become embracers. Bridge builders. Barrier busters.

The woman in this story was a foreigner, an outcast, a pagan, the enemy, but to Jesus, she was a woman with a strong desire and great faith!

Matt 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

God forbid that any of us ever get in the way of someone wanting to come to Jesus. Let's break down every barrier. Let's knock down every fence. Let's open every door and see souls saved and lives changed by the power of Almighty God.