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12 Reasons Why I As a Pastor Have Decided To Quit Attending Sporting Events

- 1. The coach never came to visit me.
- 2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
- 3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
- 4. The seats were very hard.
- 5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
- 6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
- 7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
- 8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
- 9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
- 10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- 11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
- 12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

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John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:17, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Deut. 8:3, "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD."

Matt. 4:4, "But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".'

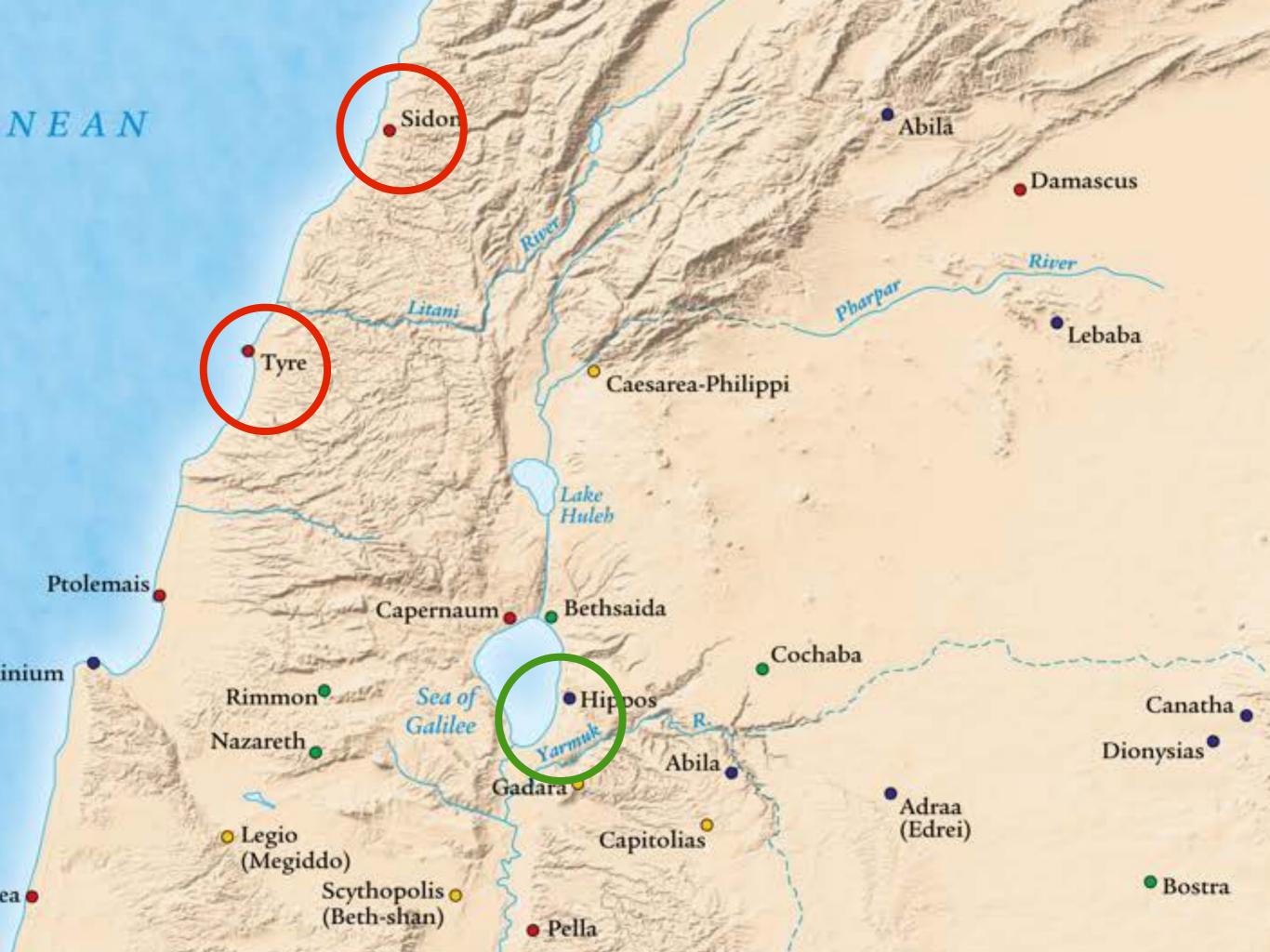
Matt. 15:25, "Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Lord, help me!'"



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Mark 7:31, "Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee."





Matt. 15:30, "Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.

Matt. 15:31, "So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel."

Isa. 29:18, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

Isa. 29:19, "The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel."

Isa. 35:5, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Isa. 35:6, "Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert."

Matt. 15:32, "Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, 'I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

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Matt. 15:33, "Then His disciples said to Him, 'Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?'

Matt. 15:34, "Jesus said to them, 'How many loaves do you have?' And they said, 'Seven, and a few little fish.'

Matt. 15:35, "So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground."

Matt. 15:36, "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

Matt. 15:37, "So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large <u>baskets</u> full of the fragments that were left."

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Acts 9:25, "Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

Psalm 107:4, "They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

Psalm 107:5, "Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

Psalm 107:6, "Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses."

Psalm 107:7, "And He led them forth by the right way,

That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

Psalm 107:8, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:9, "For He satisfies the longing soul,

And fills the hungry soul with goodness."

Matt. 15:39, "And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala."

Phil. 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."