

## Mark 7:31-37

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

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After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!").

At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

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Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

People were overwhelmed with amazement.

“He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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## John 13:1-17

Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world,  
he now showed them *the full extent of his love*.

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Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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We better not reduce our obedience to the Great Commission to short-term missions or service project. If we do, most of us will get to live out our missional calling only a couple weeks a year at best.

Instead, this is to be the posture of our hearts in every place we find ourselves...especially the places we find ourselves most frequently.

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If you want to fight for justice in the brothels of Cambodia, start by being an agent of justice in your home or at work.

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If you want to share Jesus with children in a Romanian orphanage, don't neglect the children playing at the park around the corner from your house.

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If you have a heart to use business skills to help people in Uzbekistan create wealth, think about how your business practices in your suburban office have global implications.

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Powerfully – v34-37

# Luke 2:52

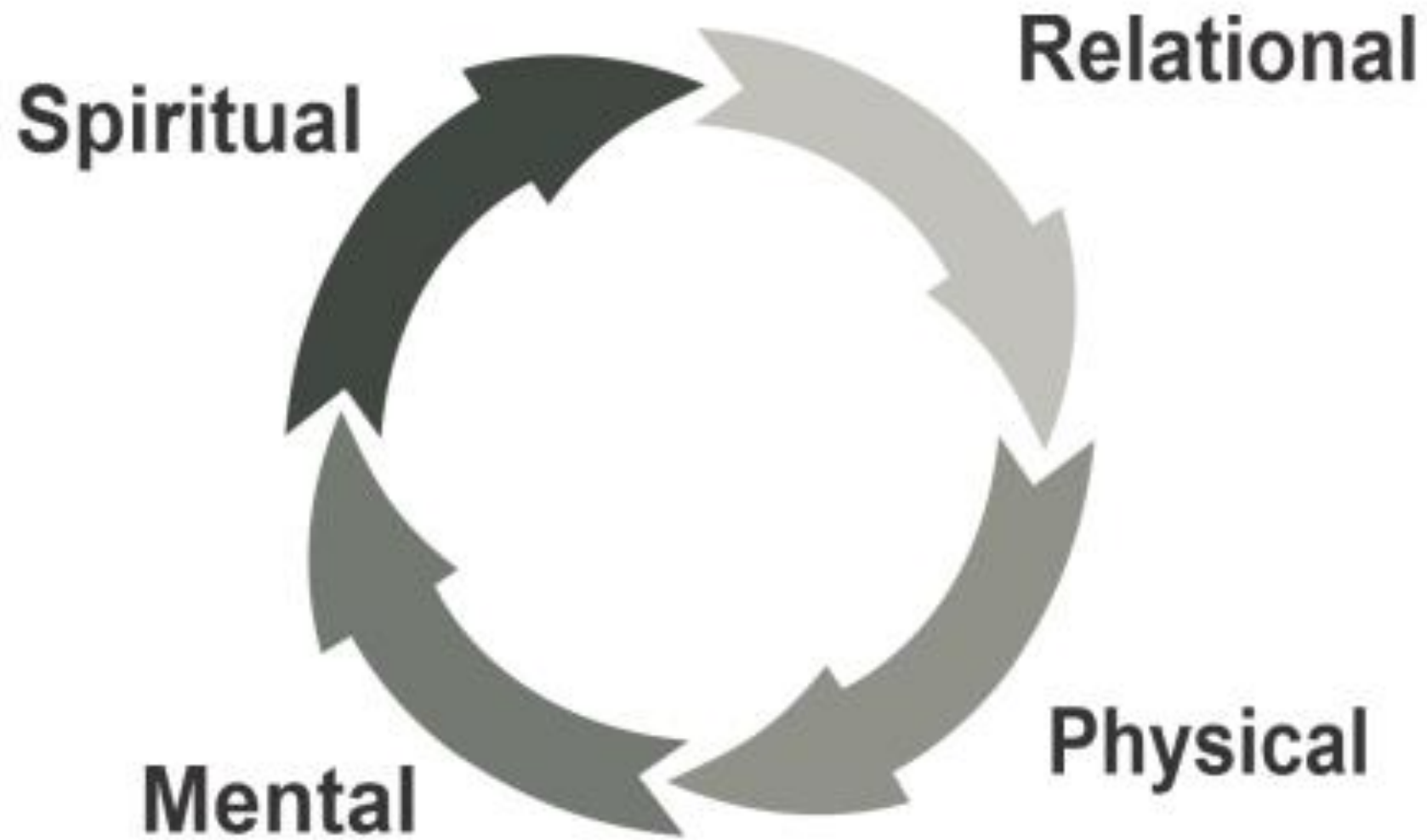
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- > Relationally: Jesus grew in favor with people
- > Physically: Jesus grew in stature
- > Mentally: Jesus grew in wisdom
- > Spiritually: Jesus grew in favor with God



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