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Final Paper Draft Outline:

1. Exegetical passage: Mark 7:1 -23
2. Geographical and historical setting: Mark 7:1-4
 - a. Pharisees and Scribes.
 - b. The tradition of the elders and other rabbinic traditions.
3. The questions from the Pharisees and Scribes.

“So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” Mark 7:5

4. Jesus’ answer: Isaiah 29:13 other references Ezequiel 33:31
5. Mark 7:8 8 “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”
 - What human traditions is Jesus talking about here?
 - Is there any connection to other interactions with Jesus and pharisees/scribes
6. Jesus confronts pharisees of other “commandment rejections”.
 - a. Honor your father and mother.
 - b. Pharisees: How were they conducting themselves with their fathers and mothers? What was the context of this? Why did they do or did not do? Was there any other situation like this?
7. Jesus' new revelation/interpretation: *Mark 7:14-15 “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.*

What does the word “defile” mean here in its Greek context? What other context in the NT or OT is this word used?

What did Jesus mean “*nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile*”? How is this teaching contrary to the *status quo* of the times?

8. Jesus’ explanation to the disciples: Mark 7:17-23 Another “when he had left the crowd” moment with his disciples. What does this teach us as pastors today?
9. Mark 7:17-23 What is Jesus teaching that defiles the body? Where else does Jesus teach about the “evil intentions”?
10. Application: How does Jesus' interpretation help the hearers then? How does it help the hearers now? Are there any similarities that I see with then and now? Any practical leadership teachings from Jesus to leaders today?

