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Blessings & Struggles of “Scrappy” Church Ministry

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Scrappy Church . . .



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What is Scrappy Church?

- Scrappy church is an affectionate term for churches that survive and do ministry despite the number of odds against them.
- Scrappy churches find themselves in communities where the neighbors are struggling to meet basic needs.
- Scrappy churches make creative use of the resources at their disposal, and engage the leadership of their communities.
- Over all scrappy churches have the “let me at em I’ll rock em and sock em” mentality



What is Scrappy Church?

- Scrappy churches ≠ Dying churches
- Despite similarities, scrappy churches and dying churches are not the same.
- Biggest difference is that while dying churches lack energy and creativity. Scrappy churches have a energy, passion and the creativity. What they lack is the financial resources to maintain the day to day operations of running a church.





Welcoming Shakira . . .

Don't talk about it . . . Be about it!

- The concept of welcoming ALL people is an important characteristic of Scrappy churches
- We cannot simply preach about welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors in need since many of those neighbors in need sit in our pews.
- Scrappy churches are filled with Scrappy people seeking a safe place to sleep in, to rest, to praise.



James 2:1-4



Eating the scraps that fall of the table

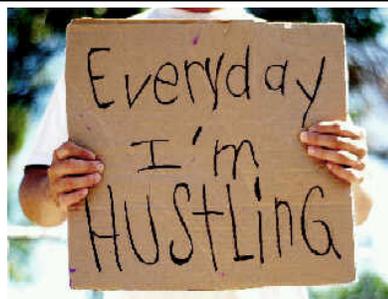
- [*The Faith of the Syrophenician Woman*](#)

- Being in this ministry often feels as if we are begging for handouts
- There is never enough money
- We often need to defend the ministry and claim its worthiness
- Faith is what keeps scrappy churches going despite the obstacles.



Holy Hustling

Finding creative way to fund your ministry



- The traditional 80-20 capital campaign does not work in scrappy churches
- No secret billionaires hiding under the pews
- People give their time and talent and what little treasure they have

- Grants are great way to start
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Developing Partnerships

- Look around your community, who can you partner with?
- Ten food pantries in mile a radius are NOT helpful.
- What already exists around you?
- What is needed?
- How can you share resources?
- How can your community partners help your ministries?

