



NOTES

A series of 18 horizontal dashed lines for taking notes.

WARM-UP

- Do you know a very persistent person? Can you describe him or her?
- Have you ever experienced being turned down? How did you feel?

WORD

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MATTHEW 15:28

Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman is fascinating because her faith astounded Jesus. This is one of the few times Jesus acknowledged someone possessing great faith.

1 Plead

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

MATTHEW 15:21-24

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus because she believed that He could heal her daughter who was severely oppressed by a demon. She desired a good thing and she looked to the right person. However, she was rejected by the disciples once and by Jesus twice. The disciples wanted Jesus to send her away. Jesus did not answer her when she initially asked Him. And upon her insistence, Jesus refused to give her what she wanted because she was a Gentile and, as Jesus told her, the Jews were His ministry priority. He was testing her faith.

How is your faith built in times of desperation? What do you do when you feel like God is silent? Do you still trust Him?

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2 Persist

25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. MATTHEW 15:25-28

The rejection she experienced was enough to cause her to give up. But what is outstanding about this woman is that she wasn't offended or discouraged from receiving her miracle. Instead of walking away in despair, she showed humility, acknowledged that she was not worthy to receive her miracle, and in faith, asked for it to be done anyway. Her posture of humility and tenacity was an expression of great faith. She acknowledged that although the bread did not belong to her, there were still crumbs—a spillover of the blessing that God prepared for non-Jews. Her great faith touched the heart of God because she understood that the miracle was underserved. God's abundant grace is not limited to Jews, but He extends it to others. Truly God gives grace to the humble.

Great faith understands that our breakthrough comes when we go to Jesus on His terms—not ours.

Are you willing to humbly surrender to His ways? How will you approach Jesus as you ask for your miracle?

APPLICATION

- Are you having a hard time believing God for a seemingly impossible petition? Share with trusted people in your group so they can pray for you.
- How can you help others draw near to God and have faith in Him? How can you challenge and stand with them this week?

PRAYER

- **Confession of Faith**

Adapted from Jeremiah 30:17; John 6:29; Mark 11:22–24; Romans 10:11,12.

Father, I thank You that You hear our prayers and know our condition. I believe that You will restore our health and heal our wounds. I am fully confident because I believe in the One You have sent—Jesus. I will put my faith in Him, and I believe that I can move mountains because I do not doubt in my heart. Thank You because I know that whatever I ask in Jesus' name will be done for me. I will not be put to shame, for I believe in You and You are my Lord.



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