

17. What does *Mark 7:24-30* teach about God's heart for all people?

Reflection Questions: How confident am I that Jesus is the answer to all my problems? Is my confidence in Christ or in myself? Is my faith as humble and persistent as this woman's? Do I view all people as those who Jesus loves and died for? How do I show this?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The true believer savors every crumb that comes from the hand of God. The good news is that in the overflow of mercy and grace that comes to us from the hands of God, though we should be satisfied with crumbs, He is not satisfied with giving us crumbs. He has lavished His grace on us.

R.C. Sproul

At no time, certainly, did God shut up His grace among the Jews in such a manner as not to bestow a small taste of it on the Gentiles.

John Calvin

For those who would learn God's ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second, humility is the third.

Augustine

Jesus was charmed with the fair jewel of this woman's faith, and watching it and delighting in it He resolved to turn it round and set it in other lights, that the various facets of this priceless diamond might each one flash its brilliance and delight His soul.

Charles Spurgeon

It is only when humility warrants it that great graces can be obtained.... And so when you perceive that you are being humiliated, look on it as the sign of a sure guarantee that grace is on the way. Just as the heart is puffed up with pride before its destruction, so it is humiliated before being honored.

Bernard of Clairvaux



She Won't Back Down

Sermon
Notes

May 7, 2023

1. An Unlikely Place (24)

2. An Urgent Plea (25-26)

3. An Unusual Reply (27)

4. An Unflinching Faith (28)

5. An Undeserved Mercy (29-30)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you solve them?

Matthew 15:21-28 —

Mark 7:24-30 —

3. Why do you think Jesus withdrew from Galilee to spend time among the Gentiles?

4. How does *Mark 7:24-30* connect with *verses 1-23*?

5. Why does Jesus take His disciples into *the region of Tyre* (*Mark 7:24*)?

6. How is this mother described in *Mark 7:25-26* and *Matthew 15:22-23*?

If the scribes and Pharisees had been present, what would they have thought about Jesus interacting with this woman?

7. What did this woman know of Jesus (*Mark 7:25, 28; Matthew 15:22, 25, 27*)? How did she know this?

8. How do the disciples respond to this woman (*Matthew 15:23*)?

9. How does Jesus respond to this woman (*Mark 7:27; Matthew 15:23-26*)?

Is this a different Jesus than we find elsewhere in the gospels? Explain.

10. What does Jesus' statement in *Mark 7:27* mean? What does Matthew add (*15:24, 26*)?

Who are *the children*? *The dogs*?

What is the *bread*?

What's significant about the word *first*?

11. Is this rule rigid with no exceptions allowed (*Mark 7:27*)? Answer using Scripture.

12. Did the woman understand what Jesus was saying? Explain.

Why would she be satisfied with *crumbs* (*Mark 7:28*)?

13. What differences do you see between this woman (*Mark 7:24-30*) and the Pharisees (*Mark 7:1-13*)?

14. Why did Jesus grant her request (*Mark 7:29; Matthew 15:28*)? Is this a contradiction?

15. In what ways does this woman display boldness and assertiveness? In what ways does she display humility and submission?

16. Does Jesus end up treating this woman more like a dog or more like a child? Why?