

**"A Mother Needs Jesus"**  
**Matthew 15:21-28**  
**Mother's Day**  
**May 10, 2026**

**I believe that "Motherhood Is The Essence Of Womanhood"**

**Our Passage reveals a "Hurting Mother" who had a problem that only God could fix! Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30**

**When she gets to Jesus it seems like everything is against her.**

1. The disciples tell Jesus to get rid of her.
2. Jesus seems to ignore her request to help her daughter.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Great Faith Accompanied By Humility Not Only Leads To Salvation But God's Help In Difficult Circumstances."

- 1. Verses 21-22 A Desperate Mother:**
- 2. Verses 23-27 A Determined Mother:**
- 3. Verse 28 A Delighted Mother:**

**1. Verses 21-22 A Desperate Mother:**

**Matthew 15:21 Jesus went away from there,**

**Context** - Jesus had been in the Capernaum area, where He had just had an intense discourse with the religious leaders over what is clean.

**Jesus now visits a territory of people that the Jews considered unclean.**

**withdrew into the district of Tyre,**

Literally - "*The Rock*" Two great rocks join together a distance of 300 feet, making one of the world's great natural breakwaters for a harbor.  
(Phoenicia on the Mediterranean Sea)

**Sidon** is 26 miles Northeast of Tyre.

This area is outside of Israel; this is the only time that Jesus stepped outside of Israel in His ministry, other than when He was taken by Mary and Joseph

**Mark 7:24 He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.**

**Matthew 15:22**

**And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out,**

**Note: This Mother Faced Three Obstacles.**

**1. Obstacle - Her Nationality - Canaanite** a Gentile, **(Mark 7:26) of the Syrophenician race.** Jesus had been sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**Canaanites** were the people Joshua was to conquer when Israel came into the promised land of Canaan.

**2. Obstacle - Her Gender - woman** - The Jewish nation was predominantly a male-dominated culture.

It was not good (public relations) for Jesus to be speaking to this woman.

**a woman**

Most believe that she was a **Single Parent** she came alone.

**from that region came out** How did she hear about Jesus? The word about Jesus had gotten out of Israel and by word of mouth she had heard

**3. Obstacle – A Daughter Demon-Possessed - my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."**

**my daughter** literally translated, *"my darling little girl"* (1 Kings 17:10)

**is cruelly demon-possessed." (Mark 7:25) had an unclean spirit,**

This little girl was possessed of an evil spirit.

**cruelly** – *"morally, physically, being destroyed, perishing"*

**Satan Is Alive And Well – Satan Love's Extremes:**

**Isaiah 5:20**

**Afflictions Can Prove To Be A Blessing To One's Soul: and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, (If it drives us to God!) Psalms 119:71**

**God Was The Object Of Her Faith: Lord,**

Faith is only as good as the object that we place it in.

**Son of David; (Messiah)**

She comes acknowledging Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel, the Jews. This is true.

## **2. Verses 23-27 A Determined Mother:**

**Matthew 15:23 But He did not answer her a word.**

*Jesus seemed to be against her* - **Matthew 15:23 she keeps shouting at us."**

**Why Is Jesus Silent?**

1. Jesus Desired Seclusion – **Mark 7:24**

2. She addressed Him as **"Son of David"**

She was a Gentile; she had no claim on the Jewish Messiah.

3. She must learn that Jesus' ministry was primarily to Israel, and that it was through Israel that the blessings of the Covenant would ultimately reach the

Gentiles.

### **John 4:21-23**

4. As always, Jesus wished to draw out her faith.

**Her Great Faith Was Not Silenced By Jesus' Silence: she keeps shouting at us."**

*The disciples seemed to be against her* – Notice it says **she keeps shouting at us."**

**Matthew 15:24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." John 4:22**

**Matthew 15:25 She Approached God In Humility: But she came and began to bow down before Him, She was humble. Mark 7:25 came and fell at His feet Psalm 51:17; James 4:6**

**saying, "Lord, help me!" Mark 7:26** Persistent faith.

**she kept asking Him,** *"she repeatedly asked again and again of Jesus"*

**Matthew 15:26 for it is not good to take the children's bread**

The bread (**Word**) was the food that the disciples were being fed with. **Romans 1:16**

**and throw it to the dogs."**

*"Dogs"* was a term that the Jews used as a derogatory term for the Gentiles.

The term "**Dogs**" that they used was a reference to the wild scavenger dogs that would run around in packs.

Jesus calls this woman a dog. He uses the word that refers to *"a little dog" or "puppy"* Jesus is not in any way being derogatory towards her.

**Matthew 15:27 The Object Of Her Faith Was God: But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord,** She did not deny the special place of the Jews in God's plan.

### **Genesis 22:18**

She saw herself as a dog. (puppy) She was not someone special who deserved anything special from God. We need to know that.

*"It is true that we Gentiles do not sit at the table as children and eat the bread. But even the dogs get to eat some of the leftover crumbs!"*

**Two Necessary Ingredients:**

**1. She Came In Faith:** Knowing that Jesus is the only one

**2. She Came In Humility Seeking Mercy:** she is saying is I will be that puppy that will accept what the children are rejecting. That is humility.

### **3. Verse 28 A Delighted Mother:**

**Matthew 15:28** Then Jesus said to her, "**O woman, your faith is great;** There are only two people that Jesus commends for their faith. Both were Gentiles.

**1. Roman Centurion - Matthew 8:10,13**

**2. This Mother In Our Passage - (Ephesians 2:11-22)**

**Mark 7:29** "Because of this answer go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

**it shall be done for you as you wish."**

This is called "Carte Blanche"

**And her daughter was healed at once.**

We persevere in prayer until we receive the promise from Jesus.

### **Application:**

1. A Great Faith Is In The Source, Which Is Jesus. Faith Takes God At His Word: **Matthew 15:22** Lord, Son of David; **Matthew 15:28** Then Jesus said to her, "**O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."**
2. A Great Faith Appeals In Humility Seeking God's Mercy: **Matthew 15:22** "**Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;** She knew she did not deserve a thing from Jesus - **Matthew 15:27** **But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."**
3. A Great Faith Is Persistent; It Does Not Let Go Or Give Up: **Matthew 15:23** **she keeps shouting at us."** **Matthew 15:28** Then Jesus said to her, "**O woman, your faith is great;**