**A MOTHER WITH GREAT FAITH**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

[**21**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-21/) **Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.** [**22**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-22/) **And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.** [**23**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-23/) **But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.** [**24**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-24/) **But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** [**25**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-25/) **Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.** [**26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-26/) **But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.**

[**27**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-27/) **And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.** [**28**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-28/) **Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.**

**INTRO:**

**1. We see here a Sorrowful Mother**

 **a. We see she is Crying (v-22, v-23)**

 **b. We see she is Concerned**

**Matthew 15:22 Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.**

**\*\*Notice that sincere sorrow alone did not get the Lord’s attention.**

**\*\*So many people believe that if they cry and wail without any faith, then the Lord will intervene and solve all their problems. However, that’s not how God operates.**

**2. We see here a Seeking Mother**

**\*\*Oh how I wish our mothers would seek for the Lord again!**

 **a. She worships because she is seeking for Christ. (v-25)**

 **b. She worships because she is seeking for Crumbs (v-27)**

**\*\*You cannot receive Christ nor the Crumbs without first seeking to worship the Lord!**

**3. We see here a Satisfied Mother**

**\*\*We live in a day when more and more people are dissatisfied! Why? Because more and more people are living without God in an evil world, and without God, there is no satisfaction!**

**Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.**

 **a. Great Faith fixed her Dilemma and brought Satisfaction.**

 **b. Great Faith fixed her Daughter and brought Satisfaction.**

**\*\*Today, we can all learn a lesson from A Mother With Great Faith**

**I. NOTICE THE NEED OF FAITH**

**Matthew 15:22-23a** [**22**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-22/) **And, behold, a woman . . . cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.** [**23**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-23/) **But he answered her not a word.**

**\*\*The Lord didn’t say a word while she was weeping and crying and pleading. Why? He didn’t see any faith! Faith is needed to get the Lord’s attention!**

**\*\*Some of you may have come before the Lord and wept and stated your case; however, you never have heard the Lord speak to you or felt His touch. Is it because you have never put your faith in Him?**

 **A. Notice this Woman’s Approaches**

 **1. She approaches Christ with her Worry**

**\*\*Worry alone does not offer faith. Instead, worry is just a Pain, a Problem, and a Pest!**

**Matthew 15:23b And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.**

**\*\*Some people will pester you with their worries!**

 **2. She approaches Christ with her Worship**

**Matthew 15:25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.**

 **a. Jesus recognized her worship as Real.**

 **b. Jesus recognized her worship as Refreshing.**

**\*\*She’s about to get some help because instead of Fretting and Worry, she offers Faith and Worship.**

 **B. Notice this Woman’s Appeal**

 **1. She’s asking for Relief**

**Matthew 15:22 Have mercy on me, O Lord**

 **2. She’s asking for Restoration**

**Matthew 15:25 Lord, help me.**

**\*\*In the day we live in there is a great need for great faith!**

**II. NOTICE THE NECESSITIES OF FAITH**

 **A. Faith Necessitates Tactics**

 **1. The tactics are actions that show Effort.**

 **a. Make an effort to seek for the Lord’s Truths.**

 **b. Make an effort to seek for the Lord’s Touch.**

**\*\*Too many people come to church and never seek for the Lord’s Truth nor the Lord’s Touch, and they don’t get it either!**

 **2. The tactics are actions that show Engagement.**

 **a. Engage in the Lord’s Words.**

 **b. Engage in the Lord’s Worship.**

**\*\*It’s amazing how easy it is for people to engage in the games and the gossip, but they have a real problem engaging in the Gospel!**

 **3. The tactics are actions that show Exercise.**

 **a. Exercise Faith in His Person.**

 **b. Exercise Faith in His Power.**

 **B. Faith Necessitates Trust**

**Matthew 15:25-26** [**25**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-25/) **Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.** [**26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-26/) **But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.**

**\*\*The Lord is not interested in helping those who do not trust Him!**

 **1. We must Trust His Will**

 **2. We must Trust His Ways**

 **C. Faith Necessitates Training**

 **1. She was training her daughter to have Solid Faith**

 **2. She was training her daughter to have Strong Faith**

**\*\*The more you stay away from the altar and never worship and never have faith, the more you are training your children to do the same!**

**III. NOTICE THE NATURE OF FAITH**

 **A. Great Faith Causes Acknowledgement**

**Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith:**

 **1. Her Great Faith got the Lord’s Attention**

 **2. Her Great Faith got the Lord’s Approval**

**\*\*Have you ever had faith that got the Lord’s attention and approval? If so, when was the last time that happened?**

 **B. Great Faith Causes Action**

**Matthew 15:28b be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.**

 **1. The Lord took action and the Mama got Relief!**

 **2. The Lord took action and the Maiden got Restored!**

**\*\*That’s just the Lord’s nature, and that’s the nature of faith that is put into the Lord!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*This is an example of A Mother with Great Faith**

**\*\*Where are the mother’s today with Great Faith?**

**\*\*There’s a lot of mothers, and then there are a lot of women that have children; however, it sure is hard to find A Mother with Great Faith!**

**Two Things:**

**1. Will you come before the Lord today, and say, “Lord I want to be like that mother with great faith and offer you all of the faith I have in you!”? Would you do that today?**

**a. We have a Need of Faith**

**b. We have a Necessity of Faith**

**c. We have a Nature of Faith**

**\*\*Men, Women, and Children need that kind of Faith and see that kind of faith in this day we are living!**

**\*\*Will you come and put your faith in the Lord?**

**2. Will you go and thank a mother that has been a blessing and an influence in your life because they have been A Mother with Great Faith?**