

# Leftovers

Here it is once again, Tuesday evening at 8:45pm and I'm just arriving home from work. The ride home gave me plenty of time to think about what I needed to do when I walked in the door. My top priority, to figure out what I'm cooking for dinner. Walking over to the fridge the thought pops into my head that it's Tuesday and it's time for a devotional. I open the fridge door. I am pleasantly surprised to see leftovers filling the top two shelves of my fridge. (this is an unusual find at my home) I chuckled at the long chain of events that happened during the day. My day started out by taking my granddaughter to kindergarten. My next stop, women's Bible study. Normally Bible Study is the favorite part of my week. But, the piece of scripture that I'd studied this week felt so odd and without meaning.

## **The Faith of a Canaanite Woman**

**21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."**

**23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."**

**24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."**

**25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.**

**26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."**

**27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."**

**28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.**

This woman, a Canaanite or dirty dog, was bothering Jesus with the request to heal her daughter. Rather than send her away, Jesus asks a question to invoke a response from her. She responded with, "even a dog eats the master's crumbs." Jesus substituted the word that meant a dirty dog, for the word that meant a pet dog. The woman said, "this pet dog will gladly eat any leftovers you have for me." The same is true for me tonight, I will gratefully eat any leftovers that Jesus has for me! God provides and his grace is always sufficient.