

# The Great Faith of a Gentile Woman!

Mark 7:24-30

Lesson #27

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**Mark 6:53** "When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there."

**John 6:21** "Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading."

## I. Jesus traveled to a Gentile region.

\*\***Mark 7:24a** "Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre....."

**Matthew 15:21** "Leaving from that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon."

\*\***Mark 7:24b** "... He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; Yet He could not keep His presence secret."

## II. A Gentile mother talked to Jesus.

### A. The woman was desperate.

\*\***Mark 7:25** "In fact, as soon as she heard about Him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at His feet."

**Matthew 17:14** "When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before Him. <sup>[15]</sup> "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said, "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water."

### B. The woman directed her prayer to Jesus.

\*\***Mark 7:26** "The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter."

**Matthew 15:22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

## III. Jesus tested the faith of this Gentile mother.

### A. Her faith was tested by the Lord's silence.

**Matthew 15:23** “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.”

**I Corinthians 10:20** “No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.” -- (Deut. 32:17; Psalm 106:37; Lev. 17:7) --

## **B. Her faith was tested by the Lord's statement.**

**Matthew 15:24** “He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

**Matthew 15:25** “The woman came and knelt before Him. “Lord, help me!” she said.”

**\*\*Mark 7:27** “First let the children eat all they want,” He told her, “For it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.”

## **C. Her faith in Jesus transformed her situation.**

**\*\*Mark 7:28** “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.”

**\*\*Mark 7:29** “Then He told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

**Matthew 15:28** “Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

**Matthew 8:10b** “... I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”

**\*\*Mark 7:30** “She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.”

## **What are some lessons we can apply to our life?**

### **A. We should be attentive to the needs of others around us.**

**\*\*Mark 7:26** “The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.”

### **B. We should be active in meeting the needs of others.**

**Matthew 15:28** “Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

**Acts 9:36** “In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, (which translated, is Dorcas) who was always doing good and helping the poor.”

**Acts 9:30b** “... all the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.”

**Acts 16:9** “During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

### **C. We need to approach the Lord and humbly share our needs.**

**Hebrews 4:16** “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

**Jeremiah 32:17** “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.”

### **D. We need to acknowledge God's mighty work and thank Him.**

**Psalm 34:1** “I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. <sup>[2]</sup> My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. <sup>[3]</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.”