

Real Life Downloaded & In the World

For April 28, 2024

Lesson Focus: Be bold in your requests to Jesus. Great faith brings God's blessings.

Bible Basis: Matthew 15:21–28

Memory (Key) Verse: Matthew 15:28

Summary (Lesson Title): Faith of a Canaanite Woman

Step 1

UNWILLING TO SUBMIT A REPORT

Of the nearly eight million cyberattacks committed against UK firms and charities in 2023, less than half were reported to government authorities, according to one study this month. Nicholas Ryder, professor of law at Cardiff University, said that organizations tend to hesitate to report such incidents because there are government fines for having poor cyber security. Such a report also risks the reputation of the business or charity, which might be seen as unsecure. Experts say that failure to report these attacks—or worse yet, not working to adequately shore up their computer defenses after one—makes these organizations vulnerable to more serious attacks in the future.

WILLING TO SUBMIT TO THE LORD

Today's discussion is about a Canaanite mother who came to Jesus on behalf of her daughter, who was demon-possessed. This episode can be puzzling: Jesus seems to initially refuse a request from someone in need. That is not what we expect **Him** to do. But Jesus prompts the woman to express profound faith in **Him**. She showed a willingness to endure insults to save her daughter, and her submission to God's will displayed "great faith" (v. 28), the kind of response Jesus was hoping to find.

Questions

1. What's something you struggle to admit because it is too embarrassing?
2. When have you been so desperate for something that you would pay any price to bring it to pass?
3. How has God worked in your life to increase your faith?

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2. Multicultural Playlist on Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2psN0hA48H9lyh6vJc5KKb?si=3ef5bb07ee15409e>
3. Contemporary Playlist on Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4jGkwp5ZDf5Eww31SGcF4n?si=b369745c49f04b8d>
4. Carla Works's Commentary on Matthew 15:21–28
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-20/commentary-on-matthew-1510-20-21-28-5>
5. David Guzik's *Enduring Word Commentary* on Matthew 15 <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/matthew-15/>
6. BibleProject Guide to Matthew 14–20 <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-matthew/#matthew-14-20-summary>

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Step 4

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