

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 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 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

²⁴ But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ²⁵ Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. ²⁶ But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. ²⁷ And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

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 woman of Canaan

A people who did not worship God

A mother who's daughter was in great distress

A mother who would be known for her
“Great Faith”

The work of Love

This was a great effort on her part.

The mother's love was confirmed by her efforts

A cry for help

Have mercy on me

She came only to seek God 's help for her daughter

O Lord, *thou* Son of David

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke 19:10)

Jesus does not answer her

Jesus is sinless and therefore the silence is not hardness or being rude

Jesus was given a purpose by God and he was moving her toward his purpose

He had redemptive reasons behind his silence

The persistence of this mother

She annoyed the disciples to the point of asking Jesus to send her away

Jesus answer to the disciples gives understanding to the lady

Yet Jesus did not send her away

She still had opportunity to be heard by God

Lord help me

She tries again to seek his help

His response was seemingly harsh

The situation has moved to a deeper level

What opens the way to God

Now was the time to respond and seek God's hand

Humility was the path she chose

She agreed with her position before God

She confirmed that Jesus was master of all

She demanded nothing simply asking for what he would give

She had become a woman of Great Faith

Not experimenting to get what she wanted
But trusting whatever Jesus would have
for her

She came to get healing for her daughter
She now was a daughter of God