

## The Heart of Missions

*Matthew 15:21-28*

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### I. Traveling to enemy territory. *Matthew 15:21-22*

The Pharisees were not concerned with people's \_\_\_\_\_; but they were upset Jesus did not make them follow their religious rules.

- *"Jesus spoke so strongly to these rule-loving religious leaders because He knows that when following Him becomes about following rules, people end up walking away from \_\_\_\_\_."*

Being **Syro-Phoenician** means that she was half Phoenician and half Syrian, considered a true Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ by the Jews.

1. This woman heard about Jesus.

***Matthew 9:31*** But when they had departed, they \_\_\_\_\_ the news about Him in all that country. *NKJV*

2. Jesus will not hide from a person in need who truly \_\_\_\_\_ Him. This woman is begging Jesus to heal her daughter, and notice she calls Jesus "**Son of David**", His \_\_\_\_\_ title.

### II. No reply at all. *Matthew 15:23-24*

This woman is desperate and has come seeking the only \_\_\_\_\_ who could heal her daughter.

- Instead of being compassionate towards needy people, the Disciples tell Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ them away.

*As such, for the present, a Gentile woman had no \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him; and so He answered her not a word."* (H.A. Ironside)

### III. In desperation, she worships. *Matthew 15:25-26*

This time the woman came to Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_ worship and falls at His feet and calls Him Lord (*kyrios*: master, owner).

- The word Jesus uses in **vs.26** is the Greek word for a \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Faith expressed. *Matthew 15:27-28*

The woman is saying, *"I understand that Israel must be first, however if You simply use a crumb of Your \_\_\_\_\_, it will be enough to heal my daughter."*

- It may have been the demon possession that drove her to Jesus, but it was her faith and trust in Him that \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter.

### V. Conclusion.

This woman was a sinner needing help; so she \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, and then desperately cries out to Him for healing.

- The devil had violently possessed this girl, but Jesus gave her rest, because \_\_\_\_\_ rest comes from Jesus and Him alone.

### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. *Why were the cities of Tyre and Sidon notable? Why did this woman come to Jesus in the first place? (see Roman Numeral I. in the sermon notes)*  
***Luke 10:14, Judges 10:6-16, Zechariah 9:1-4, Matthew 9:30-31***
2. Read ***Matthew 15:23***. Jesus' disciples urge Him to send the Canaanite woman away. *What reason does Jesus give for not initially addressing her plea (v. 24)?*  
***Matthew 10:5-6, Matthew 14:15, Mark 6:34***
3. *Why did Jesus say to the woman in **Matthew 15:24**, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"?*  
***John 1:11-13, Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16, John 3:16, Isaiah 42:6, Titus 2:11, 1 Timothy 4:10***
4. Discuss the biblical meaning and context of the Greek word *pharmakeia* that was mentioned along with demon possession during the sermon. In the New Testament, there are 3 verses with this word: ***Galatians 5:20, Revelation 9:21, Revelation 18:23.***
5. Discuss the difference between Jesus calling this woman a little dog and the Jewish sentiment referring to Gentiles as Dogs.  
***Acts 22:19-23***
6. The Canaanite woman had faith that a "crumb" from Christ would provide a breakthrough. In her case, the crumb was healing. *Can you recall a time when a simple crumb or glimmer of hope was enough to answer a prayer in your life?*  
***Matthew 8:8-10, Mark 7:25***