A Mother's Faith

Ken Chapman · Matthew 15:21–28

INTRODUCTION

- We're taken back when people don't say what we expect them to say, and don't do what we expect them to do.
- But what shocks us is how Jesus reacts to her.
- I don't want to focus so much upon Jesus and his interaction with this woman as I do want to focus on the woman.

1 She Reacted in Faith to Jesus' Silence

Matthew 15:23; Job 19:7; Job 19:25

- The first thing that stands out to us is how that she reacted in faith to Jesus' silence.
- She doesn't walk away disappointed, and she doesn't walk away angry that the Son of God wouldn't answer her.
- For I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall stand at last on the earth.
- When life was inexplicable to Job, when he couldn't understand God's silence, he still said, But I believe in you, God.
- She did not forsake God when she could not understand God and his ways.

2 She Didn't Allow the Opposition to Defeat Her

Matthew 15:23; Matthew 15:26

- She didn't allow the opposition to defeat her.
- Jesus' disciples will say, Jesus, send this woman away. She's bothering us. She didn't go away.
- How will you respond when the elders make a decision that you strongly disagree with?
- Will you really let someone steal heaven from you? Or will you push through the opposition?
- Will you have the strong faith that nothing is going to keep you from your goal of heaven?

3 Christ and Christ Alone Could Supply What She Needed

- She recognized that Christ and Christ alone could supply what she needed.
- She had a daughter afflicted with a demon. And there was one person on the planet who could help her.
- Because she had a great need. And there was only one who could supply what she needed.
- No matter what might offend me and otherwise send me away, that I'll keep my eyes on the prize.

4 The Pharisees Were Easily Offended

Matthew 15:11–12

- Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth defiles a man.
- You see, the Pharisees were offended, easily offended. And they went away.

- But then we have the story of this Gentile who might otherwise have been offended. But her faith would not allow her.
- She overcame her social status. She overcame the disciples' hostility. She overcame her Lord's silence and perceived insult to receive a blessing.
- Maybe he made what sounds to us like a harsh statement to contrast her with the Pharisees who were so easily offended.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you come to Christ this morning undeterred, unstoppable to receive the blessing that the Lord and the Lord alone can give you? Would you come to Him and render obedience this morning?**

MY NOTES