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*Mark 7:24-30 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. v25 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. v26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. v27 "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 their dogs." v28 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." v29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." v30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.*

## **THE DESPERATE FAITH OF A MOTHER.**

### **1. HER FAITH WAS AN UNEXPECTED FAITH - Matt 15:21-22** *Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.*

**The region of Tyre and Sidon was a place where you would not expect to find a person of faith. It was primarily a PLACE OF BUSINESS. People who are wealthy often don't express a need for God in their lives.**

*2 Samuel 5:11 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.*

*1 Kings 7:13-14 King Solomon sent to Tyre and brought Hiram, v14 whose mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali and whose father was a man of Tyre and a craftsman in bronze. Hiram was highly skilled and experienced in all kinds of bronze work. He came to King Solomon and did all the work assigned to him.*

*Ezra 3:7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.*

*Is 23:3 On the great waters came the grain of the Shihor; the harvest of the Nile was the revenue of Tyre, and she became the marketplace of the nations.*

## **GOD CAN BREAK THROUGH TO A PERSON IN AN UNUSUAL PLACE**

### **2. HER FAITH WAS AN UNCOMMON FAITH - Matt 15:21-22** *Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.*

**Not only was the region of Tyre and Sidon a place of business it was also a PLACE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY and PRIDE. The people who lived there thought they were better than others.**

*Ezekiel 26:1-2 In the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: v2 "Son of man, because Tyre has said of Jerusalem, 'Aha! The gate to the nations is broken, and its doors have swung open to me; now that she lies in ruins I will prosper,'*

**The King of Tyre is used as a picture of Satan..**

*Ezekiel 28:1-2 A Prophecy Against the King of Tyre*

*The word of the LORD came to me: v2 "Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:' 'In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas." But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.*

*Ezekiel 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.*

**If you lived in the region of Tyre and Sidon, YOU DID NOT TURN TO OTHERS FOR HELP!!!**

## **GOD CAN BREAK THROUGH TO EVEN THE MOST LOST PERSON**

- 3. HER FAITH WAS AN GROUNDBREAKING FAITH - Matt 15:22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him. Mark 7:26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia.**

**THIS WOMAN WAS A HEATHEN TO THE CORE.** Every description of her in this passage indicates that she had no religious affiliation at all.

**Even Jesus uses Tyre and Sidon as an example of a place where God is rejected. In Luke 10 Jesus sends out the 72 Disciples to preach and witness. Jesus says this:**

*Luke 10:8-14 "If a town welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you v9 and heal the sick. As you heal them, say, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.' v10 **But if a town refuses to welcome you**, go out into its streets and say, v11 'We wipe the dust of your town from our feet as a public announcement of your doom. And don't forget the Kingdom of God is near!' v12 The truth is, even wicked Sodom will be better off than such a town on the judgment day. v13 "What horrors await you, Korazin and Bethsaida! **For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have sat in deep repentance long ago, clothed in sackcloth and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. v14 Yes, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on the judgment day than you.***

## **GOD CAN BREAK THROUGH TO EVEN THE MOST UNLIKELY PERSON**

#### 4. HER FAITH WAS A DESPERATE FAITH -

*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.

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

**CAN YOU FEEL THE PAIN OF THIS WOMAN**

**NOTHING IN THE WORLD COULD HELP HER. THE WORLDS SYSTEM HAD FAILED HER IN HER GREATEST NEED**

**GOD CAN BREAK THROUGH TO  
EVERY NEEDY PERSON**

#### 5. HER FAITH WAS A TESTED FAITH

*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." v24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

*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 their dogs."

**FAITH IN JESUS IS NOT A CHEAP EASY FAITH.**

**Jesus often tests people about the genuineness of their faith**

*Matthew 8:18-22* When Jesus noticed how large the crowd was growing, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. v19 Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you no matter where you go!" v20 But Jesus said, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but I, the Son of Man, have no home of my own, not even a place to lay my head." v21 Another of his disciples said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father." v22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me now! Let those who are spiritually dead care for their own dead."

**GOD CAN BREAK THROUGH TO  
EVEN THE MOST UNTRUSTING PERSON**

#### 6. HER FAITH WAS A MUSTARD SEED FAITH

*Matthew 15:26* He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." v27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "**but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.**" v28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

*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 their dogs." v28 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "**but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.**"

**JESUS USES A PHRASE OFTEN USED TO DESCRIBE PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS. When Jesus says she is a "Gentile' dog", she replies, "ACTUALLY I AM ONLY A PUPPY"**

**GOD CAN BREAK RESPOND TO THE  
SMALLEST FAITH A PERSON CAN HAVE**

## **7. HER FAITH WAS A REWARDED FAITH**

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

*Mark 7:29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." v30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.*

### **THIS WOMAN WAS REWARDED BY HAVING HER REQUEST ANSWERED.**

*Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow*

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. v2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. v3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' v4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, v5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' " v6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. v7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? v8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

## **GOD WILL REWARD YOUR FAITH PLACED IN HIM**