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Worship Service
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ALTERED: Encounters with Jesus

Lesson Two • Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite Dog?

A Desperate Woman Encounters Jesus

How does Jesus **DELIVER** desperate people?

A Desperate Canaanite Woman Encounters Jesus

1. The Circumstances of the Encounter *Matthew 15:21*

Jesus Withdraws to Tyre and Sidon

- To reject the spiritual **BLINDNESS** of Israel's leaders.
- To sharpen the spiritual **DULLNESS** of His disciples.
- To emphasize the spiritual **DEADNESS** of all people.

2. The Characters in the Encounter *Matthew 15:22-23*

- The Desperate **CANAANITE** Woman. (v. 22)
- The Merciful **JEWISH** King. (v. 22)
- The **UNCARING** Jesus Followers. (v. 23)

Jesus delivers desperate people and
is **LONGSUFFERING** with those who don't know it yet!

3. The Conversation of the Encounter *Matthew 22a-27*

Why Does Jesus Respond This Way?

- Is Jesus a **TERRIBLE** person?

- Jesus is staying **TRUE** to His mission from the Father.
To the Jew first, then the Gentiles.
- Jesus is **TESTING** her faith.
Is it saving faith or sign faith?
- Jesus is **TEACHING** His disciples.
Are you prejudice or compassionate?

4. The Climax of the Encounter *Matthew 15:28*

Great Faith Brings Great Needs to the Great King

Who loves to show mercy to **ANYONE** who is desperate!

Four Characteristics of Great Faith

- Desperate **PLEA**.
- Spiritual **PERCEPTION**.
- Humble **POSTURE**.
- Diligent **PERSISTENCE**.

Great Application for Great Faith

Remember faith is found in unlikely places and people.

It's all of grace!

Be quick to come to Jesus in your desperation.

It's the only way to come!

Place your faith in the King not His followers.

He's the only One who never fails!

Act in faith to reach the unreached nations.

It's our mission now!

Cry Out with Great Faith in Our Great King!

He's merciful to the desperate and longsuffering with those who don't know it yet.