

Ordinary Faith

Matthew 15:22-28

Overview: Matthew 15:22-28

- Read Matthew 15:22-28.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- This story is a powerful example of Faith and Love for Christ. It contrasts strongly with the early segment of the chapter.

Insights:

- The rejection of the Jews rings out in the first part of the chapter, but here we encounter the acceptance of Jesus by the Gentiles.
- It appears that either Jesus struggled with this request or he was intentionally using it as a teaching moment for His disciples.
- The woman is a Gentile living among Jews. She would have known a life deeply impacted by prejudice.
- She becomes a glowing example of faith and love for Christ.

Explore:

- Read and discuss Ezekiel 28:12-15, 17. The passage is considered to be about Lucifer aka Satan.
- Discuss the parallels between Lucifer's characteristics and those we would consider feminine traits.
- Discuss the wounds dealt to women. Try to understand the wounds received from a Father, Mother, and those mistakenly attributed to God.
- Discuss the issue or fear of Abandonment that is common to the feminine mind. Do the Ladies agree that it is common?
- "I am too much and not enough... And unworthy of love and attention." What do you think?
- Discuss Feminine beauty. Discuss 1 Peter 3:3-4 and true beauty. How is beauty more than Physical appearance?
- Discuss a Mother's Love. Discuss A Wife's Love.
- Discuss how a Man might better Love the women in his life.
- How is the unique feminine expression of faith and life a threat to the enemy, the world, and to darkness?

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

Matthew 15:22-28 NLT A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."
 23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging." 24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep--the people of Israel." 25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!" 26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." 27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table." 28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

I Am Woman... Hear Me!

Ezekiel 28:12-15, 17

Cry!

Wounded...

*The Father Wound
 The Mother Wound
 The God Wound*

Assaulted...

Abandoned...

Persist!

Beauty

1 Peter 3:3-4

Glory

1 Corinthians 11:7; 10:31

Life

Genesis 3:20; 1 Cor 11:12

Love!

Jesus

Matthew 15:26-27

To Be Loved By A Woman!

When A Man Loves A Woman!

Believe!

A Great Faith

A Great Threat