

FAITH OF A CANAANITE

Matthew 15:21 - 28

Devotional Reading: Psalm 61

Background Scripture: Matthew 15:21 - 28

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **SUMMARIZE** the interaction between Jesus and the Canaanite woman
- **EXPLAIN** Jesus' response in verse 24
- **BRAINSTORM** the situations where a parent should and should not intervene on behalf of a child

INTRODUCTION: Tyre and Sidon were Gentile cities, located some 50 miles away. Jesus went all this way to meet this one Gentile woman's need. This shows remarkable and unexpected love from Jesus to this woman of Canaan. The relationship between Jews and Canaanites in the Roman world was generally strained. It was not the norm for a Canaanite woman to approach a Jewish man under any circumstances. Though aware of the culture of the time, this woman took a bold step. She must have been aware of the Lord, whom she addressed as "Son of David."

KEY VERSE *28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*
Matthew 15:28 / KJV

LESSON:

First Request

Matthew 15:21 - 24

Second Request

verses 25 - 28

SUMMARY: How do you relate to people on the outskirts of society without prejudice? God has called us to meet the needs of the oppressed - - and of our neighbors. Jesus did not “pick-and-choose” the persons He would bless. As Christ did, our response is to listen and not judge. We will win even more souls to Christ when we listen ore and talk less. What do non-believers see when we interact with them?

QUESTIONS:

1. *How do you decide whether or not to withdraw from a situation for your own spiritual, physical, or emotional health?*
2. *What steps can we take to increase your faith in God before we see Him act?*
3. *Considering this quarter’s title, “Examining Our Faith,” what is the most important thing you can do to complete a self-examination of your faith?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Apr. 22nd</i>	God Provides for a Gentile Woman	1 Kings 17:8 - 16
<i>Tue., Apr. 23rd</i>	God’s Authority over Life and Death	1 Kings 17:17 - 24
<i>Wed., Apr. 24th</i>	God Blesses Whomever God Wills	Luke 4:24 - 30
<i>Thurs., Apr. 25th</i>	Hear My Cry, O God	Psalm 61
<i>Fri., Apr. 26th</i>	May God Grant Your Heart’s Desire	Psalm 20
<i>Sat., Apr. 27th</i>	God Gives Grace to the Humble	James 4:1 - 10
<i>Sun., Apr. 28th</i>	A Woman of Great Faith	Matthew 15:21 - 28