

## The Woman of Great Faith

*Matthew 15:21-28*

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**Introduction:** The story we will be looking at is Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman. This mother had a demon-possessed child and her religion and gods couldn't help her. Somehow the news of Jesus and His miracles had reached her town. So she seeks Him out despite all the obstacles that are set in front of her. She persists in crying out for help until her request is granted. After the whole ordeal our Savior pauses to tell us this woman's faith was great. Our text shows us three essential building blocks for having a great faith!

### **I. A Person of Great Faith Reveals Their Problems** (vs. 21-22)

A. Despite obstacles, you go to Jesus (vs. 21-22a)

1. She was a woman

2. She was a Canaanite

3. She was from the city of Tyre

B. Despite your unworthiness, you go to Jesus (vs. 22b)

1. She believed Jesus was the Messiah

2. She believed Jesus was God

3. She believed Jesus was powerful

4. She believed Jesus was good and merciful

### **II. A Person of Great Faith Remains Persistent in Prayer** (vs. 23-25)

A. Even when Jesus is silent (vs. 23a)

B. Even when others discourage you (vs. 23b)

C. Even when you don't understand Christ's teachings (vs. 24-25)

### **III. A Person of Great Receives a Promise From the Lord** (vs. 26-28)

A. For your great faith (vs. 26-28a)

B. For your persistent prayer (vs. 28b)



**Conclusion:**