

# The Woman of Canaan

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30



## The Story

Jesus went to the country of Tyre and Sidon, so He could be alone. The people in this place were Canaanites. Many did not worship the true God. One of these women came to Jesus for help. She had a daughter who was very sick. Even though she was a Gentile, she had learned about Jesus. She knew Jesus was the Savior and cried to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me O Lord, Son of David!" Then she asked Jesus to make her daughter well.

At first Jesus did not answer the woman. He wanted to test her faith. The disciples wanted to

send her away. The woman kept praying for Jesus to help her.

Then Jesus told the Gentile woman that He was sent first to help the lost sheep of Israel. The woman worshiped Jesus and said, "True, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from the masters' table." She was certain Jesus would answer her prayer.

Jesus saw the great faith of the Gentile woman. He said, "O, woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you ask." When the woman returned home she found her daughter had been healed in that same hour.

### A Gentile woman persevered in seeking help from Jesus.

**Review** - Use the picture on page 1 for some of numbers below.

1. Color the woman who showed great faith.
2. How did the woman show her faith in Jesus?
3. How do we get strong faith?
4. Color Jesus.
5. How did Jesus answer the woman's prayer?
6. How does Jesus help us?

## Activity One - Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

mercy    well    Jesus    Gentiles    faith    praying    Savior

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ woman came to Jesus for help.
2. She knew Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The woman prayed to Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ did not help the woman right away.
5. She kept on \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.
6. Jesus said the woman had great \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus made the daughter \_\_\_\_\_.

## Hymn - TLH 457 v. 1, 2

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a Friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness —  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Our faith looks expectantly to God for all of our needs.**

**Passages** - Use the words from these Bible passages to help you make a get-well card for someone who is sick.

**Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,  
and you shall glorify Me.**

**Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.**

**1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,  
that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him for He  
cares for you.**

## **Prayer**

Dear God,

You have shown us in this story that even though You may severely test our faith in You, surely You desire us to keep our faith. Help us always to strongly and faithfully trust and hope in You to the end, so that by faith in Your Son, Jesus', saving work, we may enter Your everlasting home and be with You forever. Amen.