



Sermon  
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**“A Crumb from the Master”**

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Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**Mark 7:28** *“Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”* This is the Word of God. (Cross Reference – Matthew 15:27, Mark 7:29, Luke 16:21).

Illustration “Need” (Show picture of Questions of needs)



Do you have a need in your life? We all have need in our life, whether it was clothes, house, money, food, or shelter. But some people have a more needs in their lives than other and they don’t see how that need can be met. Some people need their marriage to be fixed. Some people need their financial difficulty in orders. Some people need their son and daughter not to be so rebellious. And some people need their sickness to be healed. What is your need? In the midst of your problems, you need someone to help you. You need someone you can turn to for your solution. You need God to work in your life. You don’t need Him to lift every burden but just the heaviest. You don’t need God to give you the whole loaf of bread but just a crumb. A small crumb from the master.

I. In our Gospel Lesson, the women came to Jesus because she needs Jesus to heal her daughter that has been possess by demon. (Show women waiting for Jesus)



She needs help desperately. She followed Jesus and His disciples and cried out to Jesus because the needs for her daughter is urgent. She’s determined to get the help that she needed. Because this women had heard of Jesus (Mark 7:25) that he can healed all manner of disease. He opened the blind eyes that they can see. He opened the deaf ear that they can hear and He had cast demons out from people. This women may have try every resource and effort by herself to help her daughter and it was not able to cure her daughter. She needed something that society had not been able to provide. She was looking for something that her

religion had been powerless to give her. She need a solution fast and she is desperate for someone to help her. Because of the great miracles that Jesus had done through out the country, she may have heard of Jesus and that is why this women came to Jesus with the faith and hope that her daughter too can be heal by Jesus. (Show what do you need?)



Many of us today can relate to the desperate need of the women in our Gospel Lesson. Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, whatever the need in your life today, you should turn that need to Jesus. The answer will be found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You don’t have to bear this burden alone. Bring it to Jesus, He can help you. We will look at the woman’s petition of bringing her needs to Jesus. How did she do it that we can learn to ask just a little crumb from the Master our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Show Canaanite woman plead)



The women first comes to Jesus for help. The Scripture say, “A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” (Matthew 15:22) What did Jesus do? “Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” (Matthew 15:23) It appears that this women was not welcome among the crowd. It seem that her request was not even being heard and not only that Jesus disciples ask Jesus to send her away because she keep crying after them. Regardless of this

initial request, she will persist of bringing her needs to Jesus until her daughter is healed. But in order for us to understand, how this woman was able to achieve her goal of helping her daughters, she has to overcome the obstacles of faith.

- II. Not only faith but she had to overcome the **obstacles of race**. In vs. 21 tell us that this woman was from Tyre and Sidon and vs. 22 adds that she was a Canaanite. This tells us two things about this mother. First, she was descended from a cursed people. When Joshua led the people of Israel into Canaan, they had been commanded to totally destroy the Canaanites, (Deuteronomy 7:2). She was a member of a doomed race. Second, she was from a region known for vile religious practices.

(Show Jesus did not answer the women)



This woman had two strikes against her from the very start. She had to overcome the **obstacle of religion**. She came to Jesus and called out to Him and said, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David”. Here she was a Gentile mother crying out to the Jewish Messiah. She had no right to come to Jesus through the door of Judaism. She was a Gentile and He gave her the response she deserved. “Jesus did not answer a word.” (Matthew 15:23) She had to overcome **obstacle of racism**. When the disciples see and hear this Gentile calling out to their Messiah, they react by telling Jesus to send her away! They wanted nothing to do with

her. She was not one of their people! In their eyes, she was different and that was enough to justify them not caring about her at all. She had to overcome the **obstacle of rejection**. As Jesus speaks to this woman, verses 23-26, His words appear harsh to our ears. His words must have shaken her to the very core of her being. His words probably broke her heart. Jesus simply ignores her. It is as if He turns an indifferent ear to her cries for help. Then, He tells her that His whole purpose in coming to this world was to reach the lost sheep of Israel. (Show Mark 7:24-30)



When she persists, Jesus tells her that she is a dog and does not deserve the children’s bread. The disciples rejected her and now it appears that Jesus is rejecting her too. She had to overcome the **obstacle of reality**. The realities of this situation are harsh! Her daughter was possessed by a demon. She was a member of a doomed race. These religion men did not seem to care about her or her situation at all. It must have appeared to her that her situation was hopeless.

(Show Rejected)



Has any of you had the experience of rejection? Yet you still want to be accepted. In this world, people will reject others people because they feel that they are better than others. Because of the sinful nature that we have, we tend to choose the one that we like or the people that looks like us act like us and do thing like us. We human tend to separate the rich from the poor. The married from the unmarried, the church from the un-church. If you ever feel rejection, don’t worry.

You can come to Jesus and He will not turn you away. Jesus said, *“All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”* (John 6:37) When you are facing rejection, don’t let the rejection stop you from seeking the Lord help. By His will, He will help you.

As we take a look at the story, the rejection of the Canaanite woman was not place to discourage her. The rejection were place there to mature her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **(Woman knelt and plead to Jesus)**



So she came and knelt before him, *“Lord, help me!”* (vs. 25) She literally humble herself to His feet, give him worship and appeals to Him for the help she needs. How did Jesus response to her plead? Jesus said, *“It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”* (Vs. 26) Did you know that the Jewish people look at all non-Jewish are unclean, filthy, and dirty? But in a sense, Jesus wasn’t refer her to unclean, filthy, and dirty. He just want to see how her faith is. The woman response saying, *“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”* (vs. 27) She wasn’t asking for everyrthing. She simply just asking for a crumb from the Master.

III. Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you look at the story, Jesus took this woman small faith and led her along and help her grow her faith. **(Show persistent of faith).**



She only asked for a small crumb from the master. We can learn from the lesson that if we continue to seek the Lord in spite of everything that has hindrance our way of life, we will eventually see that it will be done accoding to His own time. In this sinful world, we see a lot of people just give up when they had no one to turn for help. The disciples say to send her away. Jesus compared her to a dog, yet she persisted. Most people would just throw up their hand and quit. The woman persisted and she got a crumb from the master. **(Show Ask, Seek, and Knock)**



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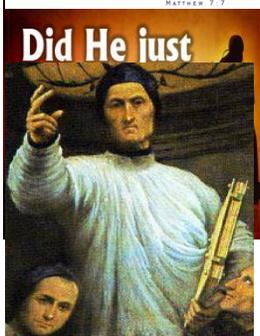
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Have you quit seeking God and throw up your hand because He hasn’t response to your requested? Jesus said, *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”* (Matthew 7:7-8) Keep asking, seeking, and knocking on His door until He response that you may receive a crumb from the Master. **(Show Laurence Justinian)**



Laurence Justinian, First Patriarch of Venice, resembled this woman in the prayer he offered when at the point of death. "I dare not ask for a seat among the happy spirits who behold the Holy Trinity. Nevertheless, Thy creature asks for some portion of the crumbs of Thy most holy table. It shall be more than enough for me, O, how much mere than enough! If Thou wilt not refuse some little place to this Thy poor servant beneath the feet of the least of Thine elect."

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**(Show have great is thy faith)**

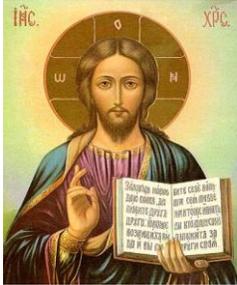


Jesus said to her, *“Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.”* (Vs. 28) Jesus had tested her faith with hard words by comparing her to a dog but her faith had risen to the challenge. Her

faith exceeded that of the people Jesus came to save. Here was a Gentile dog that had more faith than the Jewish Scribes, Pharisee, Sadducees, Teacher of the Law and High Priest. Jesus gave her a reward for her faith. He healed her daughter at that moment. **(Show the dog and his master)**



People that own dog are the master of his dog. Whatever the master tell the dog to do the dog will obey. If he say sit, the dog will sit. If he say run, the dog will run. If he say roll over the dog will roll over. Whatever the master feed the dog, that is all the dog will get. In a similar way, we are like dog. We need to listen to our Master Jesus. **(Show Jesus the Master)**



We need to listen to our Master which is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is hope and today might be the day when the Master responds to your cries. Today might be the day when God speaks to your heart and assure you that “It is done.” The leper is healed, the blind man can see, the deaf can hear, the lame man can walk and the demon being cast out of the man. All of these are just a small crumbs from the master. Just a little crumb from the master is all you need. Amen. Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# Children Message



**Theme:** Faith Needs Work

**Object:** A calculator

**Scripture:** James 2:17 “In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Good morning, boys and girls. Today we are going to talk about something that all of us need to learn and understand as soon as possible. We are going to talk about faith, and how to make our faith work. How many of you have heard about the word “faith”? (*Let them answer*) Faith is something that all of us should have and use. Our faith means that if we believe in something enough, something surely will happen. If I believe that God will heal me when I am hurt, then I have faith in God as a healer. If I believe that God will make enough sunshine and rain so that the corn will grow then I have faith that God is a grower. That is faith.

Some people think that they have so much faith that they do not have to do anything because God will do it all. They don't have to worry about anything since God will do everything. A man by the name of James listened carefully to God and gave us some answers about what people are supposed to do as partners with God. He called it working with God. Let me show you what I mean. I have a **calculator**. The answer to almost any problem that I can think of that has to do with numbers is in this calculator. If I want to know how much 16 times 16 is I know that the answer is in this calculator. I have faith that the calculator has the answer. Do you think the calculator has the answer? (*Let them answer*) You think the answer is in there also. Do you think that the answer is right? (*Let them answer*)

You think that the right answer is in the calculator. How are we going to get the right answer out of the calculator? (*Let them answer*) That's right; we have to push the buttons. If I push 16 X 16 then I will get the answer of 256. That is the correct answer. My faith that the calculator had the right answer in there is good. I can do it again by asking how big is a room 25-feet long and 15-feet wide. You will have to push 25 X 15 and the answer is 375 square feet. Again, I have done some work to push the buttons, but my faith that the calculator would give the right answer is correct.

I believe that God wants everyone to be happy, healthy, and have a warm place to live. That is what my faith tells me. But as a Christian, I also know that God has given me land to grow food, love to make other people happy, and hands to help build warm houses. I can help people to know my God and his love by sharing my life with them. I must do good things, or work to help others know the God that I believe in. Having faith in God is not enough if we don't share our lives and our work to help others know God as well. When you see a calculator you have faith that the right answers are inside of it. But you must use the buttons, do the work, to get the answers to your problems. We must believe that God will answer our problems, but we must also do things that let God help us and all our friends.

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