

The Miracles of Jesus

Git-er-done, Mom!

Matthew 15:21-28

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²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

1. A maneuvering mother

▲ *Consider this mom's ancestry*

Matthew 15:21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, Mark 7:26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia.

▲ *Consider the mom's anguish*

Matthew 15:22 My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Mark 7:25 a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit

▲ *Consider the mom's affirmation*

Matthew 15:22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David,

▲ *Consider the mom's appeal for assistance*

Matthew 15:22 crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

2. A cold-cruel-callous-compassionless Christ?

▲ *No! This was delay—not denial*

Matthew 15:23 Jesus did not answer a word.

▲ *No! This was reception—not rejection*

Matthew 15:23 So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

▲ *No! This was process—not prejudice*

Matthew 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

▲ *No! This was a test—not a trick or a trap—and it was the teaching of a transcendent truth*

Matthew 15:21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

Mark 7:25 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

3. A feisty family-focused faith

▲ *She bowed and begged*

Matthew 15:25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. Mark 7:26 She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

▲ *He bantered about bread*

Matthew 15:26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

▲ *She bantered back*

Matthew 15:27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

4. A dismissed demon and a delivered daughter

▲ *Jesus was delighted with mom's determination and faith*

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

▲ *Jesus delivered mom's daughter from demonic darkness into freedom*

Matthew 15:28 And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Mark 7:30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Messages from the Miracle

1. Jesus is the answer for broken families today—He can break the bondages of the devil and demons and bring us into the fullness of God's family!
2. Thank God for moms who prioritize their children's spiritual welfare and are willing to fight for their freedom—God honors the prayers of mothers!
3. We are God's children through our relationship with Jesus, and the bread on God's table now belongs to us—let's feast in faith on God's abundance!