



# Mom on a Mission

## Matthew 15:21-28

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<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. <sup>29</sup> Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee.

## 1. A maneuvering mother

### ▲ Consider her ancestry

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### ▲ Consider her agenda

Matthew 15:22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." — Mark 7:25 a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit

## 2. A cruel Christ?

### ▲ Jesus was *thoughtless* thoughtful

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### ▲ Jesus was *theoretical* and *theological*

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### ▲ Jesus was *there* for this

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## 3. A feisty 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.

### ▲ She barked about bread

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## 4. A delivered daughter

### ▲ Jesus loved her *doggedness* determination

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." — Mark 7:29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

### ▲ Jesus liberated her daughter

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.

## Mother's Day Messages

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.