

THE CANAANITE WOMAN - Persistence

How do you answer when someone asks you *Where are you from?*

This is a story found in Mark 7 and Matthew 15.

Mark tells us where she was born: the woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia.

Matthew tells us where she presently lived: *the region of Tyre and Sidon*.

SETTING

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

Tyre and Sidon are long the Mediterranean Coast in what is modern-day L_____.

What other woman have we studied from this area?

Where is *that place* Jesus had been before?

How far is it from G_____ to Tyre? _____ Miles

This is probably the most n_____ place Jesus ever journeyed.

THE ENCOUNTER

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 NIV

What We Do Not Know.

We do not know her n_____.

We do not know her daughter's exact a_____.

Did the Bible call "demon possession" what we today think of as something else?

Demons are mentioned only _____ in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 32:17; Psalm 106:37) yet over _____ times in the New Testament. All but a few of those are in the Gospels.

Perhaps Jesus' ministry to the sick e_____ demonic activity as never before.

Perhaps Jesus' incarnation s_____ u_____ a strong reaction in the demonic world.

What We Do Know.

We do know that she has d_____.

She is a w_____. She is a G_____. She has a demon possessed daughter.

We do know that she is p_____.

PERSISTENT ENOUGH TO SEEK OUT JESUS

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him Matthew 15:22a NIV

PERSISTENT ENOUGH TO SHOUT AND TO K _____ SHOUTING

came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." 23 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 15:22b-23 NIV

Why do you suppose Jesus at first i _____ the woman?

- He was trying to get away to r _____.
- He did not want to be r _____.
- He was t _____ the lady.

How do we respond when a person who is emotionally needy continually interrupts your conversations, generally wanting more than you wish to give?

PERSISTENT ENOUGH TO OVERCOME JESUS' HESITANCY

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

My question: Answered w _____?

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 TLB

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. Matthew 15:25 NIV

PERSISTENT ENOUGH TO GIVE A C _____ ANSWER

*26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."
27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."* Matthew 15:26-27 NIV

Why did Jesus seem to call her a "dog?"

- The term "dog" was a s _____ word Hebrews used for Gentiles.
- Jesus was t _____ her.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Romans 1:16 NIV

- This was taking advantage of a t _____ opportunity to the disciples.

Dog = f _____ dog (not a wild dog)

Like saying “*Lord, I know your blessings are for the entire world. But I believe your blessings are so great, I’ll gladly take the l_____.*”

THE RESPONSE

Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment. Matthew 15:28 NIV

How many people in the Gospels did Jesus affirm as having “Great Faith?” ____

All these times He was referring to _____.

We say of some people: *He/She doesn’t know the meaning of the word “q_____.”*

Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 NIV

All the verbs are in the p_____ tense: *keep on.....*

Persistence measures the g_____ of our faith.

