

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
May 8, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 05-08-2022

Jesus invites everyone to his party and welcomes everyone who accepts the invitation. The people following Jesus often surprise the proper rule-keeping religious people.

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Series: Unlikely Converts - Jesus's Followers Often Shock Religious Folks

Series Big Idea: Jesus invites everyone to his party and welcomes everyone who accepts the invitation. The people following Jesus often surprise the proper rule-keeping religious people.

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Title: The Pleas of a Trusting Mother

Matthew 15:21-28 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> 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." <small><font color="#999999">23</font></small> 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." <small><font color="#999999">24</font></small> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." <small><font color="#999999">25</font></small> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <small><font color="#999999">26</font></small> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." <small><font color="#999999">27</font></small> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." <small><font color="#999999">28</font></small> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.15.21-28.NIV>

What kept this mother from taking what appears to be a no for an answer to her pleas?

It seems that her persistent perseverance in prayer was powered by being persuaded that Jesus was her daughter's only hope.

Sermon in a Sentence: Tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a believer!

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