

# ***The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.***

## **Lesson 28**

### **Read Mark 7:24 – 30**

**Introduction:** *As Jesus interacted with this Gentile woman, it sounded almost like He was being mean to her, even calling her a dog. In the Greek, Jesus actually used the word “dog” in the diminutive form, which could be translated as “puppy”. The people had puppies for pets and thought of puppies in an endearing way. It sounds on the surface like she talked Jesus into delivering her daughter from demons. But, remember, Jesus knew her heart; and He knew that she had enough faith to hang in there, despite the discouragement. He wanted to draw out her faith to its full expression so she could serve as an example of faith. It is only when we are tested and when it is looking like God isn’t going to help us that our faith is really tested.*

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1. Read the account of the story of the Greek Woman of Canaan in Matthew 15:21 – 28. What further insights do we learn from Matthew’s account of this Gentile woman’s daughter being healed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. This woman heard that Jesus was in the area and came to Him and fell down at His feet and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. According to Matthew 15:22 – 23 what words did this woman use to cry out to Jesus and how did the Lord respond to her cries?

3. The disciples were getting upset with her persistence and told Jesus to send her away. What did Jesus say to His disciples according to Matthew 15:24?

- What did the woman do according to Matthew 15:25?

- Have you ever come to a place where you fell before the Lord and cried out to Him? What was the trial or circumstance in your life that brought you to your knees?

4. This woman was now coming to Jesus with an honest and sincere heart. She came in faith believing Jesus could heal her demon-possessed daughter and she was persistent in her asking. After their conversation in Mark 7:27 – 30 and Matthew 15:26 – 28 why did Jesus grant this Gentile woman her request?

5. What lessons can we learn from this women's experience with Jesus that we could apply to our own lives?