

The Faith of a Syrophenician Woman - Mark 7:24-30

Topics: Courage, Demons, Faith, Gospel, Humility, Priorities, Rationalizing

Open It

- * 1. When was a time when you felt like an outsider?
- 2. Why do you think some Christians lose or give up their faith in God?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus try to keep secret? How? (7:24)
- 4. Why did a certain woman want to see Jesus? (7:25)
- 5. What did the woman do when she saw Jesus? Why? (7:25)
- * 6. Who came to see Jesus? Why? (7:25-26)
- 7. What was this woman's background? (7:26)
- 8. What did the woman in the story want from Jesus? (7:26)
- 9. How did Jesus respond to this woman? (7:27)
- 10. To whom was Jesus referring when He spoke of children? (7:27)
- 11. What did this woman call Jesus? (7:28)
- 12. How did the woman appeal Jesus' decision not to help her? (7:28)
- 13. What made the woman so persistent? (7:28)
- * 14. Why was Jesus impressed with the woman? (7:28-29)
- * 15. What happened to the woman and her daughter? (7:30)

Get It

- * 16. What was exemplary about the woman who came to see Jesus?
- 17. Why do you think Mark included this episode in his Gospel?
- 18. Why would you or wouldn't you have gone to see Jesus if you had been in the same situation as this woman?
- 19. What have you "begged" Jesus to do for you in the past? How did He answer?
- 20. How would you compare your level of faith with that of the woman in this story?
- 21. In what ways has Jesus rewarded you for your faith?
- 22. What difference does it make in your life that Jesus has the power and authority over all the evil forces of the world?
- * 23. What about the woman's attitude can we apply to our prayer life?
- 24. No two of Jesus' healings were exactly alike; how should our witness for Christ be tailored to each situation and person?
- 25. How can you be personal and sensitive in the way you meet the needs of those around you?

Apply It

- 26. What is one area of your life that you will commit to the Lord in faith today?
- * 27. What concrete step can you take to show your faith in the Lord and your dependence on His power?