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rom there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but <u>He could not be hidden</u>. <sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

Mark 7:24–25, NKIV

"...He could not be hid." - v. 24b, KJV 1900

## Message Section

# The Story of an Interceding Mother

### 1. Her Dilemma

Matthew 15:21–22, NASB - <sup>21</sup> <u>lesus went away from there</u>, [Jesus is beginning to shift the focus of His ministry away from the Jews to the Gentiles] and withdrew into the district of <u>Tyre and Sidon</u> [cf., Jesus has now travel out of Galilee to present day Lebanon. These two cites were on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and were part of a Phoenicia—a land known for its demonic worship and gross immorality]. <sup>22</sup> And a <u>Canaanite</u> [Mark's gospel calls her a "Syrophoenician" (ie., half-breed), by law, Canaanites were doomed to die (Deut. 7:2) and cursed (Gen. 9:18-27] <u>WOMAN</u> [almost certainly single (by law) and considered a case-a-way for having a child] from that region came out....

Race, religion, racism, rejection, and reality were all against her.

# 2. Her Discouragement

**Matthew 15:22, NASB** - <sup>22</sup> And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and <u>began to cry out</u>, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; <u>my daughter is cruelly demonpossessed."</u>

### 3. Her Determination

Matthew 15:22, NASB - <sup>22</sup> And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to <u>cry out</u> [in present tense (indicating continuous activity): "...she kept asking..." (Mark 7:26)], saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demonpossessed." <sup>23</sup> But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." <sup>24</sup> But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> <u>But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"\*</u> <sup>26</sup> And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> <u>But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."</u> [Bold face added.]

#### 4. Her Deliverance

Matthew 15:28, NASB - <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is <u>great;</u> [Gk: mega] it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

### Mom's Application Section

- A. NEVER stop interceding for your children/grandchildren!
- B. NOTHING you are facing today is too hard for God to handle!
- C. KEEP asking, KEEP seeking, KEEP knocking, KEEP obeying!
- D. Like this woman, we have no hope other than Jesus!
- E. Like this woman, all we need are but a few crumbs from the Master's Table!



\*Lord means you recognize who Jesus really is.
Help means you need what only Jesus can give.
Me means you admit your helpless condition.