

The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:21-28

Life Group Discussion – February 17th, 2019

Today's passage is about a woman who believed that Jesus was more powerful than demons. She believed in the power of God.

Demons may be in this world, but they are powerless in front of Jesus Christ. But for us, how do we recognize spiritual demons?

1. They are obsessed with humans

Demons follow people and latch on to them. The only one who can drive out demons is Jesus Christ.

2. They oppress humans

They have a certain amount of power of people, they are able to make humans do things they don't want to do and not make them do something they know is right.

3. They pour sadness on humans

They give depression to humans. In situations and circumstances that are not a big deal, they make it much bigger and it brings great sadness in small things.

Demons are able to work in these three separate areas. But for the Canaanite woman, she understood that demons had power but she knew that Jesus had much more.

So she latched on to Him and made sure to take something even though she deserved nothing. And because of her faith, she was given everything.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Matthew 15:26-28)

Remember that even in your worst moments, God is still there and He is listening. As long as you have faith, Jesus is working powerfully in your life.

Trust in the word of the Lord and He will guide you.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

SHARING-----

1. Even though we have experiences of God answering our prayers, when was a time when God didn't answer your prayer? How did you feel? As you look at the Canaanite woman, what will be your reaction moving forward?
2. Read the underlined portion together and talk about what those two sentences mean to you. Do you have an experience of how God worked in your life even when He seemed absent? Please share.