

**SERMON NOTES - January 29, 2023 #193**  
**Mt.15.21-28 - "THE QUALITY of GREAT FAITH"**

The Bible speaks of little & great faith. Our text contains the **S**\_\_\_\_\_ reference in Matthew's Gospel. The person expressing great faith was a **G**\_\_\_\_\_; & the woman's faith was also for personal **S**\_\_\_\_\_:

**I. THE SETTING v.21**

Jesus was under pressure from the **M**\_\_\_\_\_ who followed Him from place to place. Jesus was under the pressure of possible arrest & execution by **H**\_\_\_\_\_ **A**\_\_\_\_\_. The greatest pressure, however, was from the **J**\_\_\_\_\_ religious leaders.

Jesus withdrew out of the land of Israel & beyond the **J**\_\_\_\_\_ of both Herod & the Jewish leaders. The district of Tyre and Sidon was the Gentile territory of ancient **P**\_\_\_\_\_, now in southern Lebanon.

Palestine afforded no privacy & numerous dangers, but Jesus did not withdraw out of **F**\_\_\_\_\_. It is true that the Lord did not go to this area to minister but to **R**\_\_\_\_\_.

The Jewish multitudes often took Jesus' healings as a matter of their rightful **H**\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' first priority was to minister to God's people **I**\_\_\_\_\_, to reveal Himself as their **M**\_\_\_\_\_ & to offer them the **K**\_\_\_\_\_; but He never refused a person of any race or culture who came to Him in **F**\_\_\_\_\_.

The person who came with an empty but open heart left with a **F**\_\_\_\_\_ heart.

Israel was the **C**\_\_\_\_\_ through which the Gospel would be carried to the entire world.

the Gospel was never intended to be only for the Jews.

**II. THE QUALITIES OF GREAT FAITH vv.22-27**

Great faith is, of course, a **R**\_\_\_\_\_ term. This woman's faith based on **S**\_\_\_\_\_ **L**\_\_\_\_\_ **L**\_\_\_\_\_.

**+ Five qualities of Great Faith:**

**(1) R**\_\_\_\_\_ **v.22a**

In turning to **J**\_\_\_\_\_, she turned from the way of Satan & **S**\_\_\_\_\_ to the way of God, & that is the essence of repentance.

The person who asks for mercy asks for something **U**\_\_\_\_\_.

Mercy is integral to God's redemptive work for man.  
"Repentance is the inseparable companion of faith."

**(2) RIGHT DIRECTION & R**\_\_\_\_\_ **v.22b**

Great faith must, of course, be directed at the right **O**\_\_\_\_\_  
Faith in faith is to have no faith at all.

❖ For faith to make sense & to have power it must be placed in a **T**\_\_\_\_\_ object; The Canaanite woman had heard of the Messiah's great **P**\_\_\_\_\_ & sensed His great **G**\_\_\_\_\_; Her faith was great because she turned **F**\_\_\_\_\_ faith in false gods ... to **F**\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.

**(3) P**\_\_\_\_\_ **vv.23-24**

- ❖ Some people have to struggle against strong **D**\_\_\_\_\_ before they come to fully trust Christ.
- ❖ Others have to struggle against the **O**\_\_\_\_\_ & arguments of friends & family.
- ❖ Still others struggle to believe because they have never **H**\_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel clearly presented.
- ❖ Some see inconsistencies in the **L**\_\_\_\_\_ of Christians they know.

The disciple's response was **I**\_\_\_\_\_ & **P**\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus does nothing **U**\_\_\_\_\_ & nothing without a divine **P**\_\_\_\_\_.

Barriers are sometimes intended to draw people closer.

(4) **H**\_\_\_\_\_ vv.25–27

*Knelt before Him* literally means to **P**\_\_\_\_\_ oneself & is translated to “worship.”

III. THE **L**\_\_\_\_\_ **RESPONSE** v.28

The seeking heart will never give up.

After putting up a barrier of **S**\_\_\_\_\_ & Jesus heard what He wanted to hear.

Like Abraham, she grew strong in faith through God's **T**\_\_\_\_\_ (Ro.4.20).

### CONCLUSION:

Spurgeon observed,

“The Lord of glory **S**\_\_\_\_\_ **T**\_\_ **T**\_\_ **F**\_\_\_\_\_ of the woman.”

She kept...

✚ asking until she **R**\_\_\_\_\_,

✚ seeking until she **F**\_\_\_\_\_, &

✚ **K**\_\_\_\_\_ until it was opened to her (7.7).