

**A MESSIAH MOMENT**

Matthew 15:21-28

**I. The INTERRUPTION - 15:22**

**II. The ESCALATION - 15:23-24**

And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.” 15:22

**III. The INTERACTION - 15:25-27**

**IV. The EXCLAMATION - 15:28**

Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed at once.  
15:28

## Life Group Study Questions

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1. Share a time when you could not understand why God did not act on your behalf. What was the hardest part of that moment or season?

2. Why can we safely assume that this Canaanite woman actually knows and believes that Jesus is Messiah?

3. What evidence do we have from this woman's approach to Jesus that she has no other hope or resource to save her and her daughter?

4. The silence of Jesus is hard for His disciples to understand. How does their reaction and solution parallel our own when faced with the honest needs of people? What is the truth we miss in this moment (*"I was sent"*)?

5. The woman cries out to Christ in a posture of worship. What is the significance of her request for help ("sustain me" in the Greek)? Why is this the right posture of faith?

6. Why is Jesus' response to the woman NOT as harsh as it initially appears? What is he revealing to her about His task and priority as Messiah?

7. The woman shows incredible insight as she agrees with Jesus about who He is and what His priority should be? How does her answer to him reveal the heart of faith?

8. Jesus proclaims that this woman has GREAT FAITH. Great faith believes that Messiah can accomplish His purposes and sustain our lives at the same time. Why is this such a hard place to come to in our own lives?

9. How does this passage connect to your life presently? How does your faith need to rest in Messiah's plan?