

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## A WOMAN OF GREAT FAITH

MATTHEW 15:21-28

- A. Why would Jesus go there? Mark 7:24

Jesus had been trying to get away

He could not be hidden - His reputation had preceded Him

- B. Canaanite woman came and cried out - Clearly familiar with who He was

- C. Jesus answered her not a word - He totally ignored her

- D. She won't quit - She's brazen, impolite and a real pain. She's persistent

- E. "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

This triggered another approach from her

- F. Then she came and worshiped Him.....

Worship is not **THEOLOGICAL**, it's **PERSONAL**

Worship is not **ACADEMIC**, it's **INTIMATE**

Worship is not at **ARM'S LENGTH**, it's **IN HIS ARMS**

Worship is focused on **HIM** not on **US**

Worship is based on **KNOWLEDGE** but it expresses **FAITH**

**Worship drew a different response from Jesus (and it always will)**

- G. "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

The children's bread is **HEALING**

- H. Even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Even a **LITTLE** of God's grace and power were sufficient

- I. "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire."

- J. Great faith is based on

Knowing the **INFORMATION** about Jesus

Making that information **PERSONAL**

**PERSISTING** in it even in the face of insurmountable circumstances

- K. Jesus was **GUIDING** her into a place of faith

Perhaps that's what He is trying to do in your difficult situation as well

Jesus wants to meet our needs but we must come to a place of faith

We see this so often in God's word - Job for example

Perhaps instead of asking why we should be asking what