



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Mark Sermon Series

Supports Session 5: Includes

Sermon Title: “Jesus Answers Humble Cries for Help” (Mark 7:24-30)

Connection to Session 5

Jesus’s capacity to heal, both physically and spiritually, was not limited to the Jews. Many came to Him for help and He demonstrated compassion to these people.

Introduction/Opening

Our culture is in great need of spiritual healing that can only come from Jesus.

Outline

1. A Parent Disturbed by Evil

- a. Jesus travelled to the region of Tyre (v. 24). He was attempting to get away for a needed respite from the pressing crowds.
- b. Still, Jesus could not conceal His presence in the area.
- c. One woman learned of Jesus’s presence in the area and came to Him. The woman was disturbed by the presence of a demon in her daughter. The woman knew coping with this was beyond her capability.
- d. The woman had a surprising faith in Jesus and was drawn to Him.

2. A Parent Humble before God

- a. Jesus’s remark to the woman may sound strange to us. His response to her request may seem insulting at first. However, He was simply reiterating the plan of God. Through His dialogue, Jesus discovered her faith.
 - i. Jesus did not reward sign-seekers.
 - ii. Many wanted things from God and pursued Jesus for that end. Jesus was and is more than a miracle worker to be treated like a genie.

- b. The woman humbled herself before Jesus. She answered that she knew she was a Gentile and accepted the priority of Jesus's mission to the Jews. Still, she appealed to His grace and mercy with true humility.
- c. Our humility is revealed as we submit to the salvation of God offered to us in Jesus.
- d. The mother impressed Jesus with her humble faith.

3. A Parent Rewarded for Her Faith

- a. Jesus rewarded the mother's faith by answering her request. Jesus replied, "Because of this reply, you may go. The demon has left your daughter" (v. 29).
- b. The woman took Jesus at His word and went home to find her daughter delivered from the demon.
- c. Jesus always recognizes and rewards faith.
- d. When we go to Jesus with a need, we may get an answer to our specific request like the hurting mother. Or, we may not get the answer we think we need.

Conclusion

Jesus is not intimidated by evil. We can take heart that He is the only answer to the evil that invades our world. As we trust in Him, we will never be disappointed.

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