

# Persistent Faith

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*To be ALL IN requires persistent faith.*



## Matthew 15:21-28, *The Faith of a Canaanite Woman*

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**Brokenness:** Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly. Jesus did not answer a word.

- She was broken for her daughter who had an evil spirit
- To be broken is to recognize ones helplessness

**Love:** Her heart was broken because of her love for her daughter

**Perseverance:** So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. 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.”

- She persisted in asking for healing

### **Faith:**

- Her brokenness was motivated by love
- Her persistence was motivated by faith

### **God does test us at times to determine the depth of our faith:**

*“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.” Deuteronomy 8:2*

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4*

**Healing:** Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

- You have great faith!
- Your request is granted!

### **MY ACTION STEP THIS WEEK:**

- I will seek help for myself and others with brokenness, love, persistence, and faith.
- I will believe that in Christ I am FLAWLESS