

Great Faith
Matthew 15:21-31

What characterizes great faith?

- I. Great faith brings nothing
 - A. The helplessness of the Canaanite woman (v. 21-22, 30)
 - B. The enslavement and oppression of sin and evil (Gen. 3; Rom. 6)
 - C. Bringing nothing to Jesus but your need
- II. Great faith claims nothing
 - A. The order of Jesus' mission (v. 23-26; Rom. 1:16; John 4:22)
 - B. The humility of the Canaanite woman (v. 27)
 - C. Claiming nothing before Jesus (Rom. 2:4)
- III. Great faith receives everything
 - A. The gift of faith (v. 22, 28; Eph. 2:8)
 - B. The gift of Jesus

Application Guide:

1. What do you bring to Jesus other than your need? In what ways do you bring your strength, rather than your weakness, to Jesus?
2. Do you presume upon God's mercy? Do you functionally believe God owes you something? How does this affect your faith in Jesus?
3. Have you been tormented by sin and evil? Is Jesus delaying in resolving your torment? Have you seen moments of healing? How is God using all of this to reveal Jesus and strengthen your faith?