



Teen Church at RFBC!

October 26th, 2025

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God

Congregation: for God's steadfast love lasts forever!

Leader: God accompanies us in our distress,

Congregation: as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.

Leader: Give thanks to our God,

Congregation: for God's steadfast love abides with us.

Leader: Let us enter this space for worship.

All: Celebrating God's works for humankind.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.



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**New Students,
Announcements,
Birthdays, and
Wins of the Week**



A woman with dark, braided hair is shown in profile, looking out over a landscape. The image is dimly lit, with a warm, brownish tint. The woman's hair is styled in many small braids. In the background, there are some trees and a body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, under a hazy sky. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Persistent Faith: The Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Theme: *Sometimes we have to push past rejection, silence, and stereotypes.*



Anchor Verse

Galatians 6:9

- CEV: ⁹ Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up.
- NIV: ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Today's Scripture:

Matthew 15: 21-28 CEV

The Canaanite Woman

- ²¹ Jesus left and went to the territory near the towns of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Suddenly a Canaanite woman^[c] from there came out shouting, “Lord and Son of David,^[d] have pity on me! My daughter is full of demons.” ²³ Jesus did not say a word. But the woman kept following along and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away.
- ²⁴ Jesus said, “I was sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep.”

Today's Scripture:

Matthew 15: 21-28 CEV

The Canaanite Woman

- ²⁵ The woman came closer. Then she knelt down and begged, "Please help me, Lord!"
- ²⁶ Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."^[e]
- ²⁷ "Lord, this is true," the woman said, "but even puppies get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."
- ²⁸ Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

Historical and Cultural Context

Canaanites were outsiders—seen as “enemies” of Israel historically.

Jewish rabbis often didn’t speak to Gentile women. Jesus is crossing major boundaries.

“Dogs” was a common racial insult Jews used toward Gentiles.

This woman had three strikes: she’s a Gentile, a woman, and desperate.

Key Words:

“Son of David” – messianic title. She recognized Jesus as King, though not Jewish.

“Dogs” (Greek kynaria) – means small house dogs, not street dogs — slightly softer insult but still demeaning.

“Great is your faith!” – Jesus never says this to any Jewish leader.

Main Points


Jesus' silence, then harsh words, aren't rejection—they're testing and drawing out resilient faith.

She refuses to be dismissed. Her love for her daughter fuels her persistence.

Jesus ultimately praises her and grants her request. Her faith and resilience moves the heart of God.

Reflection Questions

How would you have responded if
Jesus said that to you?



Have you ever felt ignored by
God? What did you do?



Who in your life are you fighting
for like this woman?

Contemporary Connection

Many students face rejection: from school, peers, even within systems.

In the Black experience, we often have to push harder, speak louder, and show up stronger just to be heard.

This woman is a model of persistence and intercession—fighting through barriers for those we love



Prayer

“God give us strength to continue to seek you even when it feels like we should give up. We will not quit on ourselves--you never quit on us, and we can stand strong in that. In Jesus’ name.

Amen.”



Call to
Discipleship



Benediction