



# Stay At The Table

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Summary	The Syrophenician woman had every reason to leave—but she stayed at the table, refusing offense and holding to faith that even the crumbs carry power.

## HIM: The Gospel of Christ According to Mark – Lesson Twelve: Stay At The Table

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### Introduction

#### Opening Thought

Remaining encouraged, hopeful, and engaged can be difficult in our pursuit of Christ.

#### Key Thought

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## I. An Unlikely Candidate for Mercy

### Who was this woman?

She was:

- A Gentile
- A Syrophoenician
- A Canaanite by heritage
- From a region associated with pagan worship

**Key Thought:** From a Jewish perspective, she was an unlikely candidate to receive from Israel's Messiah.

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## II. She Had Reasons to Leave

She could have concluded:

- "I'm not Jewish."
- "I don't belong here."
- "My past disqualifies me."
- "People like me aren't accepted."

### But she stayed

**Key Principle:** Your background does not have to determine your breakthrough.

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## III. What Qualified Her?

Not:

- Her pedigree
- Her ethnicity

- Her upbringing

But:

- Her faith
- Her hunger
- Her persistence

**Key Thought:** What qualified her was not her background but her hunger.

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## IV. Three Opportunities to Be Offended

### 1) Jesus appeared to ignore her

**Scripture:** *Matthew 15:23* — “But He answered her not a word.”

**Key Thought:** Many people leave the table when heaven appears silent.

**Kingdom Principle:** Silence is not always rejection. Sometimes silence reveals what is in us.

### 2) Jesus appeared to deny her

**Scripture:** *Matthew 15:24* — “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

She could have concluded:

- “This isn’t for me.”
- “I don’t belong.”
- “God helps others but not me.”

Instead, she came closer and worshiped.

### 3) Jesus appeared to insult her

**Scripture:** *Mark 7:27* — “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

**Key Thought:** Her need was greater than her offense.

**Kingdom Principle:** Offense would have ruined her opportunity to connect with the One who came to save.

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## V. The Danger of Offense

### The enemy attacks connection

If the enemy can get us offended:

- At God's timing
- At God's methods
- At unanswered prayers
- At difficult seasons

He can get us to leave the table before the miracle arrives.

**Key Thought:** The enemy cannot stop God's power, so he attacks our connection.

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## VI. Hungry People Stay

**Key Thought:** Hungry people do not leave the table because of discomfort.

**Kingdom Principle:** The greatest danger is not opposition—it is losing your spiritual appetite.

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## VII. Faith Refuses to Walk Away

The woman's faith said:

- "I would rather stay connected and confused than disconnected and offended."

**Key Thought:** One of the greatest acts of faith is refusing to walk away when you do not understand God.

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## VIII. The Danger of Interpreting God Through Pain

Pain says:

- God has forgotten you
- God doesn't care
- God isn't faithful

Faith says:

- Because God is good, there is something I do not yet understand.

**Key Thought:** Faith interprets pain through God's character.

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## IX. Don't Let Confusion Become Separation

### Peter's response

**Scripture:** *John 6:68* — "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

**Key Thought:** Mature faith remains connected even when every question is not answered.

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## X. What Would Have Happened If She Left?

Had she become offended:

- Her daughter remains tormented
- Her miracle never manifests
- Her testimony is never recorded

**Key Thought:** The greatest miracles often belong to those who refuse to leave.

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## XI. The Power of Waiting

**Scripture:** *Isaiah 40:31* — "Those who wait on the Lord..."



**Hebrew Word:** *Qavah*

**Meaning:** to hope, to trust, to expect, to be intertwined

**Key Thought:** Biblical waiting is not passive. Waiting is staying connected.

## What does waiting look like?

It means:

- Looking beyond what is visible
- Remaining attached to God
- Living with expectation

**Key Thought:** The woman in Mark 7 demonstrates what biblical waiting looks like.

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## XII. There Is Power in the Crumbs

**Scripture:** *Mark 7:28* — “Even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

**Key Thought:** She recognized that even what falls from Jesus’ table carries enough power to change her situation.

## What was she really saying?

If:

- Healing is on the table
- Deliverance is on the table
- Grace is on the table
- Freedom is on the table

Then there is power in the crumbs.

**Kingdom Principle:** What appears small can still produce supernatural results.

- A little oil filled many vessels
  - Five loaves fed thousands
  - Mustard seed faith moved mountains
  - A crumb delivered a daughter
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## XIII. “For This Saying”

**Scripture:** *Mark 7:29* — “For this saying go your way...”

Jesus did not say:

- For your tears
- For your desperation
- For your persistence

He said:

- “For this saying...”

**Key Thought:** Her words revealed her faith.

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## XIV. The Children’s Bread

**Key Thought:** Jesus is the children’s bread.

He is:

- Healing
- Deliverance
- Freedom
- Grace
- Kingdom provision

### What she understood

**Key Insight:** If the bread contains that much power, then even a crumb carries enough authority to change a life.

Her faith said:

- “I have more confidence in one crumb from Your table than in everything I can produce on my own.”
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## XV. Your Words Reveal Your Heart

**Key Thought:** Many people change their confession when circumstances do not change.

But she:

- Refused to leave
- Refused to be offended
- Refused to lower her expectation

Jesus honored her faith.

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## Closing Thought: Stay At The Table

**Key Thought:** Do not allow:

- Silence
- Delay
- Confusion
- Offense
- Disappointment

to remove you from the table.

**Final Statement:** The woman teaches us that breakthrough does not always belong to those who understand everything. It belongs to those who refuse to leave.

**STAY AT THE TABLE!**