



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. *God's Truth transforms.*

"An Uncomfortable Encounter"

From the Series,
"Encounters"

Matthew 15:22-28

Preached Sunday 9/14/14

Meadow Baptist Church

1. A Woman with a Desperate Heart (22)

- a. She was burdened - *"...a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord..."*
- b. She was borrowing - *"...Son of David..."* **As a Gentile she had no ability to engage Him by this Jewish title**
- c. She was broken - *"...my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."*

2. A Woman with a Determined Heart (23-24)

- a. She faced the test of silence (23a) - *"But He did not answer her a word..."*
- b. She faced the test of fear (23b) - *"And His disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."*
- c. She faced the test of hopelessness (24) - *"He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

Jesus did not rush to relieve her fear and trouble. He responded in a way that would prove the degree of her desire for Him.

3. A Woman with a Discerning Heart (25-27)

- a. She understood there were no other options (25) - *"But she came and knelt before Him, saying, Lord, help me."*
- b. She understood there was no entitlement (26) - *"It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."*

Transforming Truth

678.551.7333 | info@transformingtruth.org

1446 Calvin Davis Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

- c. She understood she had nothing to bargain with (27) - *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."*

4. A Woman with a Displayed Heart (28)

- a. Her faith is put on display (28a) - *"O woman, great is your faith!"*
 - i. Her faith was great due to what she lacked - National covenants, individual promises, exposure to Truth
 - ii. Her faith was great due to what she possessed - Insight, humbling, resiliency, boldness, expectation
- b. Her favor is put on display - *"...Be it done for you as you desire..."*
- c. Her fulfillment is put on display - *"...And her daughter was healed instantly."*