

**Summary of Message:** 

Jesus seems to be a bit grumpy and even mean in this passage. However, what is really happening is a glimpse into what catches our Lord's attention. Could it be that God is looking for authentic prayer that comes from hearts filled with passion and tenacity? Oh yeah.

## Questions for your Family Devotions or Grace Groups:

- 1. Review Mark 7:24-30. What was something the Lord used to speak to you personally in this message?
- 2. Let's dig a bit into this story. What is Jesus' point in going to Tyre (*a* Gentile *area*) after the discussion in 7:1-23? Were Jesus' words overly harsh? How does this woman respond? How does her reply show faith? What message is Jesus giving then and now by this particular healing?
- 3. Read Luke 6:32-42 in "<u>The Message</u>" translation. (You can find "The Message" at <u>www.BibleGateway.com</u>) Jesus seemed to care about those that many might claim were "unclean". How might we be His hands and feet for those who might be hard to love today?
- 4. Read Matthew 15:25. In Matthew's account of this story he mentions that the woman "worshipped" Jesus [some translations say 'knelt down']. What is significant about this? How do we apply this practically to our lives?
- 5. Pastor Michael gave many Old Testament examples of "Passion & Tenacity", or a lack-thereof, seen in the lives of those who were seeking something from the Lord. Read 2 Kings 13:15-19. Have you ever been 'half-hearted' in your prayers? Your spiritual life? Your service to God? Why? What would striking the arrows multiple times look like for you today?