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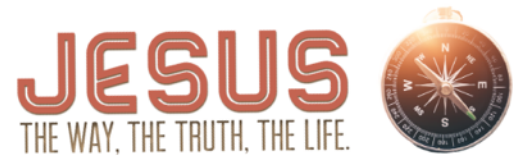


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Matthew 15:21-28



A woman of Canaan

Not a Jew

Tyre and Sidon (Phoenician)

Syro-Phoenician (Greek)

Canaanite descendant

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Her Request

Simple - not so simple

O Lord, Son of David (Messiah)

My daughter is possessed

Have mercy on Me!

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Her Request

Accepted the reality of her
situation

Asking for mercy to get through
Request in faith to what He is
able to do

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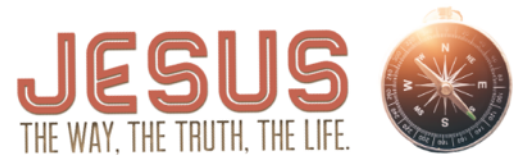
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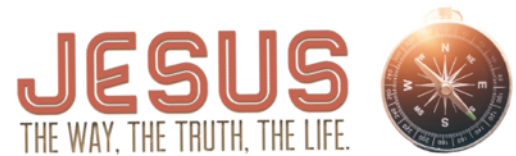
His Response

Cricket

He's rude; He doesn't like her;
she isn't like us; he doesn't care;
no compassion



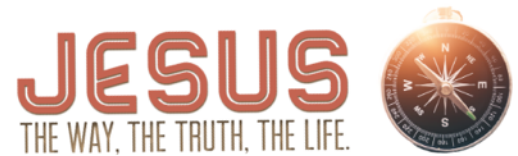
**We are an instant
gratification impatient
people**



His Response

Exercise her faith

Experience the benefit to
perseverance for both her and
the disciples



Personal Interaction

Persistent (Worshipped Him)

Honest and simple in her
statement!

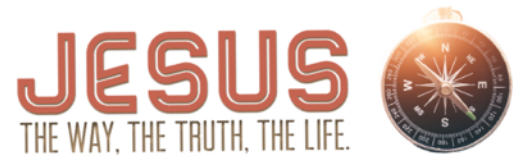
Speaks in a way she would
understand

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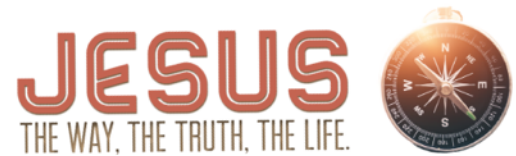
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Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 15:28



1. God is able to go above our request.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly
abundantly above all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works in

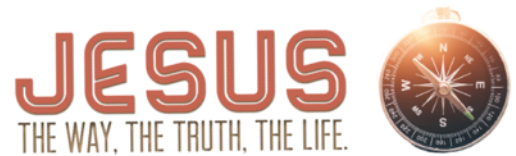
us,...

Ephesians 3:20

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**2. Our requests may
need to be modified.**



You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

James 4:2-3



3. God wants to give us the desires of our heart.

Delight yourself also in the Lord, And
He shall give you the desires of
your heart.

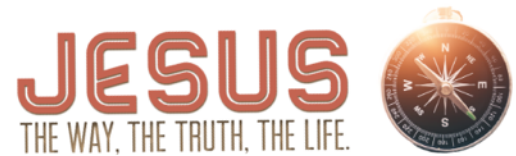
Psalm 37:4

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Be careful:

- 1). To not make it about us but for His glorification
- 2). When we pray "fix this" so I can or then I will or so that...
- 3). To be content in whatever God allows.



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Questions to Ponder

1. When my prayer life required perseverance, did I quit when I heard the crickets?
2. Do I accept God's delay as punishment or opportunities to grow?
3. Could my request be avoiding the real issue?

