"MORE THAN ENOUGH" **5-10-20a**
PART 2 **Mother's Day**

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Intro: Does anybody watching have a need in your life? I suspect that most of you hearing my voice have many needs. In the midst of your problems, you need someone to help you. You need someone you can turn to for your solution. You need God to work in your life. That is the situation we are looking at in this passage today. Jesus is approached by a mother who is in a desperate situation. She needs something in her life.

1. <u>THIS WOMAN'S PETITION</u> *(Mt.15:22)*

A) The Reason She Came – She was concerned about her daughter.

B) The Reason She Cried Out – Her child and the help she needed.

C) The Reason She Called –Jesus was her only hope! *(Heb. 4:16)*

2. <u>THIS WOMAN'S PERSISTENCE</u> *(Mt.15:23-27)*

A) The Obstacles of Faith – v.23-27 She met resistance at every turn.

(1) She had to overcome Race – Verse 21-22

(2) She had to overcome Religion – *Jesus did not answer.*

(3) She had to overcome Rejection –Jesus tells her she is a dog.

(4) She had to overcome Reality – Her daughter was possessed.

(Jn 6:37 (NLT). Your faith will not be defined by what you receive from God; but by what it takes to stop you from getting to God!

B) The Opportunities of Faith –*(Mk 7:27)* Jesus never slams the door of hope in her face. The obstacles were there to mature her faith. (1) *(Mt.15:22)*- (2) *(Mt.15:24-25)* – (3) *(Mt.15:26-27)* – She wasn't asking for everything, just a dog's portion!

C) The Obligations of Faith – v.27 She persisted in spite of everything. Why? *She knew that a crumb from the hand of Jesus would be more than enough!* Keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking and in His time, He'll hand you a morsel by answered prayer! *(Mt 7:7-8 NKJV)*

3. <u>THIS WOMAN'S PRIZE</u> *(Mt.15:28)*

A) Jesus Responded to Her Faith – He was amazed by the depth of her faith! This kind of faith excites the Lord!

B) Jesus Rewarded Her Faith – He rewarded her faith by giving her exactly what she asked for; He healed her daughter!

Take heart, friend! There is hope! Today might be the day when His peace replaces… pain and you get the help you need.