

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
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**Healing Bread**

**TEXT:** Matthew 15:21-28 / Mark 7:24-37

Jesus has just finished a lengthy discussion of what it is that defiles a man – the contents of the heart coming out of the mouth. He rebuked the Pharisees for making the Word of God have no effect by esteeming their traditions. After this episode comes the feeding of the 4000.

This lady, A gentile, would never have received from the tradition-bound Pharisees because they let their prejudices override the Word. Much of the Christian world today think healing bread is in short supply, but the Bread of life is well able to feed them all.

- 1) Unlikely, unwelcome, she comes. Matthew 15:21-22
  - a) Mark tells us she was a woman “who heard about Him.” Tell people what God is doing. Desperate people will come.
  - b) (23) But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word.
    - i) If nothing happens, or you don’t “hear” from God, don’t quit.
    - ii) Our prayer is not conditioned by the response, only by the Word. She kept pressing.
    - iii) Jesus is purposefully working to get the girl delivered. When God seems to be silent, keep going!!!!
      - (1) God is doing something, even when you can’t hear it or see it. Ps 56:3
      - (2) In this case, He was doing something in her. She didn’t know what it was until it came to pass. You don’t have to understand the working of God. Pr 3:5
  - c) The challenge of unbelieving believers: "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."
    - i) They judged her by their cultural norm. Jn 9:1-4 apparently unaware of Jesus attitude toward people
    - ii) People will be people.
      - (1) Don’t get mad. When you hear junk, just smile and go back to the Word!
      - (2) Don’t be dissuaded. Be careful whose opinion you ask. Pr 13:20 / 1 Cor 15:33 / 1 Jn 4:8
- 2) “You are not qualified”
  - a) Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel." Note John 1:11
  - b) This is true, but there is more to the story: Romans 15:8-9
  - c) Jesus apparently says, “NO!”
    - i) This lady’s kills the idea that God never changes His mind and we should simply accept it when He says NO. She worshipped Him.
    - ii) When you have done everything you know to do and it seems like God has said NO, it is time to worship Him.
    - iii) I don’t always know what He is doing, but it is impossible that He doesn’t want to heal me. He must be doing something, so I am going to trust and worship.
  - d) Jesus is adamant: "it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."
    - i) Healing is the inheritance of the children of God. She is a dog, a Gentile.
    - ii) Again this is true, but there is more to the story.
- 3) She hits the jackpot!
  - a) V. 27 She pleads her case: I don’t need the whole loaf, just a crumb or two
  - b) One Word from God is more than enough to heal you. “Light be!” had enough power to create all light that would ever be. Luke 1:37 AMP ...**no word from God shall be without power**
  - c) Jesus tells her what happened:
    - i) Matthew 15:28 **great is your faith!**
    - ii) Mark 7:29 "**For this saying...**"
    - iii) She confessed her right to the principle of gleanings from Lev.19:9-10.
    - iv) Jesus got her to a promise that applied to her.
  - d) Here’s the really good news
    - i) Healing belongs to the children of God.
    - ii) Jesus has turned dogs into children! 1 John 3:1-3
    - iii) All you need is one bite from the loaf – John 6: 51, 63
      - (1) What Word from God are you believing today?
      - (2) What Word from God are you speaking today?
      - (3) That is the Word that will set you free.