

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program May 3rd – 8th
Doing Life Together – Hard Push toward JESUS

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: The woman is identified as “a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by race.” Matthew uses the term “Canaanite” to describe her. The point is, this woman is a Gentile, not a Jew; indeed, a Gentile of the worst sort, “a Canaanite.” She comes to Jesus with the request that He would deliver her little daughter who is demon-possessed.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: This woman humbles herself before Jesus, falling down at His feet. She begs Him to deliver her daughter from the unclean spirit. She acknowledges Jesus as the Lord and the Son of David (Matthew 15:22); in other words, she confesses that Jesus is Israel’s long-expected Messiah.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: Jesus says to her, “First let the children be fed; for it is not right to take the children’s food and throw it to the little dogs.” Jesus is indicating that, as the promised Messiah, His ministry must first be to the people of Israel. Nevertheless, it is clear that in God’s appointed time the gospel would go out to all the world (see Matthew 28:19)

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: When Jesus at first ignores her, the woman does not go away; on the contrary, she continues to beg for His help. She is so persistent that the disciples beg Jesus to send her away. When Jesus identifies her with the household pet dogs, she does not become offended; she humbly accepts that identification and points out that even those little dogs receive the crumbs that drop from the dinner table.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: Jesus compliments her for her great faith (Matthew 15:28). He then pronounces His benediction of peace upon her (Mark 7:29) and sends her away with the assurance that her request has been granted (Matthew 15:28). Matthew informs us that her daughter was healed at that very hour.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 7:24-30

OBSERVATION: The great lesson of this story is that even those who are the least worthy of Jesus may receive His blessings through persistent faith. Let’s be, then, more like this humble Syro-Phoenician Gentile woman. She argued with Jesus on the basis of persistent faith for His mercy—and she won!