

## Introduction

A few years ago I was speaking with a man about women in ministry. This particular man was very much against women ministering in the church. He told me of a time when he went to a Sunday School class and when he got there he found out that the pastor's wife was going to teach the class. He said that he got up and left the room. He got his opinion from 1 Timothy 2:11-12 where Paul wrote that he did not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man. So, this man was not going to allow a woman to teach him, so he left the class. Personally, I believe that this is talking about a woman who usurps authority over a man, because the word exercise authority in the Greek is *authenteo* (Strong's G831), which means to act of oneself, or to usurp authority, or to dominate. I think men that usurp authority are equally dangerous, and we don't want them teaching us either.

(1 Tim 2:11-12) "A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet."

The apostle Apollos learned from Priscilla in Acts 18:26. Priscilla and Aquila took Apollos aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. It would be normal to list the man first, but Priscilla is mentioned first, indicating that she took the lead in correcting Apollos. Apollos was mighty in the Scriptures, and was teaching things accurately, but he learned from a woman to teach things more accurately. I hope that we will be like Apollos this morning and will learn from a woman. We do not have a woman at the pulpit this morning, but we have a woman in our text that we can learn a lot from.

(Acts 18:24-26) "Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. {25} This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; {26} and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."

The woman that I want us to learn from this morning is a Greek woman, a from Syrophenica. She had a daughter who had an unclean spirit and she wanted to see her child set free from this spirit. She heard about Jesus and immediately went to Him to ask Him to free her daughter of this spirit. She fell before Jesus and kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. Jesus told her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The woman was not deterred at all by Jesus' remark and responded by saying, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." Her response touched Jesus' heart. He replied, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." The woman returned and she found her child lying on the bed and the demon had left. There are three things that I want us to learn from this Gentile woman this morning. First, I want us to look at how she pursued Jesus. Jesus withdrew and wanted no one to know He was there, but she sought Him and found Him. Second, I want us to learn from her persistence. Third, I want us to learn how she was pleasing to the Lord. Let's read our text.

## Lessons From A Gentile Woman's Faith

1. She Pursued
2. She Persisted
3. She Pleasued

(Mark 7:24-30) "Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it*; yet He could not escape notice. {25} But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet. {26} Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. {27} And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." {28} But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." {29} And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." {30} And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left."

### 1. She Pursued

Our account today begins with Jesus getting up and going away to the region of Tyre. He went away and He wanted no one to know of it. Matthew says that He withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. Jesus withdrew; He needed a break from dealing with the Pharisees. Conflict will wear you out, and the encounters with the Pharisees and scribes was constant friction and conflict. If you ever feel like you need to get away for some peace and quiet, Jesus understands your situation. He has been there and He withdrew and was hoping no one would notice.

(Mark 7:24) "Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it*; yet He could not escape notice."

(Matt 15:21) "Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon."

This most recent encounter had been about the charges that they brought against His disciples for not washing their hands according to the tradition of the elders. He rebuked them, using Isaiah 29:13, and told them that they were worshiping in vain. Then, He proceeded to explain to the crowd about what defiles a man. His disciples still had questions and He explained it to them so that they would have understanding. Jesus ended His teaching by saying, "These are the things that defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man." After this, Jesus got up and went away to the region of Tyre.

(Matt 15:20) "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

Mark said that He went away to the region of Tyre. A couple of the earliest manuscripts say Tyre and Sidon. In Matthew's account, he stated that Jesus withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. Both of these towns are on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. They are part of the allotment given to Asher. Jesus stayed primarily within the territory given to Abraham, the Promised Land, in His earthly ministry. God promised to bless all peoples through Abraham, so it was never about just the Jews. But the pattern was to reach out to the children of Israel first. Matthew records one of Jesus' responses to the woman was, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." This is an important thing to note as it gives context to the discussion with the Gentile woman.

(Matt 15:24) "But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Paul said that he was not ashamed of the gospel for it was the power of God for salvation to the Jew first and then to the Greek. Jesus would reach out to the non-Jews, like the Samaritan woman at the well and this Greek woman in Tyre, but He first went to the Jews. There were a lot of Greeks or Gentiles in Tyre and Sidon. Tyre and Sidon are part of Phoenicia and Syria is just to the east of Phoenicia. This woman was from Syrophenicia, the larger area that included both Syria and Phoenicia.

(Rom 1:16) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Even though Jesus did not want people to know that He was at a certain house, the news of Jesus coming to their region spread quickly. This Gentile woman heard that He was there and Mark said that she immediately came and fell at His feet. Jesus was trying to go unnoticed, but this woman sought His whereabouts and found Him. She pursued Jesus and found Him. Notice what God said in Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with your whole heart." Jeremiah was quoting Deuteronomy 4:29, where God had spoken the same thing to Moses. When we seek God with all of our heart, we will find Him. This woman sought after Jesus and she found Him. He may not have wanted people to know He was there, but this is a promise from God, that when someone seeks after Him with their whole heart, he will find God.

(Jer 29:13) "You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart."

This woman's faith began at the beginning of our passage. When Jesus came into the region of Tyre, this Gentile woman heard of it, and immediately came and fell at His feet. She heard that people were being healed. She heard that people were getting delivered. She heard that He had fed the 5,000. She probably heard a number of testimonies, her heart was stirred, and she believed.

(Mark 7:25) "But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet."

Paul wrote in Romans 10:17 that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." This woman heard the news about Jesus and it ignited her faith. Something happened in her. Her eyes were opened. This woman heard the gospel and believed the message. She immediately responded and went to Jesus.

(Rom 10:17) "So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

I want to turn to Matthew's account for a minute to look at how this woman addressed Jesus. In Matthew 15:22, she said, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David." She called Jesus Lord or Master. She calls Him Lord in Matthew 15:25, "Lord, help me!" And again in Matthew 15:26, she said, "Yes Lord; but even the dogs..." All three times she addresses Jesus as Lord. In Romans 10:9-10 Paul explains what is necessary to be saved. He said that we need to confess with our mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved. Jesus had not died and He had not been raised from the dead, but this woman believes who He is and she is confessing Him to be her Lord.

(Rom 10:9-10) "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; {10} for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

Notice also in Matthew 15:22 that she did not just call Jesus Lord, she called Him, "Son of David." They knew that the Messiah would be a descendant or son of David. This woman has heard of the miracles that Jesus had performed, and she believed that He was the Messiah, and she confessed Him as Lord. This woman had faith, and it pleased God.

(Matt 15:22) "And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

Paul goes on to say in Romans 10:11-13 that whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed, and that there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. God's grace is available for all that call on Him. Jesus may have come for the children of Israel, but His grace was also available to Greeks. This Greek woman heard of Jesus, believed in Jesus, sought for Him, and has confessed Him as Lord.

(Rom 10:11-13) "For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." {12} For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; {13} for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

In John 6:37, Jesus said that all that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to me I will certainly cast out. Jesus was not going to refuse this woman. This passage bothered me for a long time. Why would Jesus call her a dog? He was testing her faith. He was certainly not going to cast her out or refuse her. He was just testing her faith, in the same way that God tested Abraham. He wanted to see if Abraham was going to withhold his son. He was not going to have Abraham slay his son, and Jesus was not going to refuse this woman that He called a dog. It was just a test of her faith, and her faith was genuine.

(John 6:37) "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

She had a little daughter who had an unclean spirit. This woman was discerning and knew that her daughter had a demonic spirit. We do not know what the manifestations were, only that her daughter had an unclean spirit and she knew it. Matthew gives a little more description. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was cruelly demon-possessed. We know from Jesus' response that the demon left. Sometimes there is demonic sickness and medicine can't fix a demon. We need to know what is physical and what is spiritual. We need the discernment and perception of this Canaanite woman. Matthew calls her a Canaanite woman and Mark says that she was a Syrophenician. The Syrophenicians were a sub-group of the Canaanites.

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(Matt 15:22) "And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

How can we tell what is demonic? In Mark 5 we saw some characteristics of a man who was demon-possessed. He had supernatural strength, and chains could not hold him. He was violent, and no one could subdue him. He went about naked. He lived in a graveyard, and went about screaming among the tombs and in the mountains. He was clearly not in the right mind. He was self-destructive and gashed himself with stones. The demoniac was cruelly demon-possessed.

(Mark 5:2-5) "When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, {3} and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; {4} because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. {5} Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones."

In Matthew 17:15-18, a man came to Jesus and his son was a lunatic and very ill. His son was not in his right mind, just as the demoniac was not in his right mind. He was sick. Very often sickness is caused by demons. This man told Jesus that his son would often fall into the fire or water. The goal of demons is to kill and destroy. They are destructive.

(Matt 17:15-18) "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water....{18} And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once."

Jesus said that the thief has come to kill, steal and destroy. Demons come to kill, steal, and destroy. This demon in this little girl was cruel, and it tried to kill and destroy her. It tried to steal her life from her. It tried to steal her joy. It tried to steal her destiny. God came that we might have life and have it abundantly. God came to give us life and to help us fulfill His destiny for our lives. There is a sharp contrast between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God.

(John 10:10) "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly."

One of the lessons that we can learn from this Gentile woman is to have the right posture. Notice that she fell down before Him. She prostrated herself before Jesus. Wikipedia says that "*Prostration is the placement of the body in a reverentially or submissively prone position as a gesture. Typically prostration is distinguished from the lesser acts of bowing or kneeling by involving a part of the body above the knee touching the ground, especially the hands.*"

She fell down before Him, and the Greek word is *prospipto* (Strong's G4363). *Prospipto* is used nineteen times. The primary Greek word that is used is *prokuneo*, which is most often translated as worship. It is used seventy-two times. In the Old Testament, the primary word is *shachah*, and it is used 220 times. All of these words mean to bow down, fall down, or to prostrate yourself. Abraham, Moses, Job, David, Ezra, and Nehemiah all fell down before the Lord. In the New Testament, Paul fell to his face when the Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus. When we come before a holy God, it is only natural to fall on your face before Him.

We see in Revelations 5:8 that the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. It is not just a song we sing; we will all be falling on our faces before the Lamb when we come into His presence. This Gentile woman fell on our face before Jesus.

(Rev 5:8) "When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

In Isaiah 66:2, the Lord tells us who He will look at. He says, "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit and who trembles at My word." Bowing before the Lord is an act of humbling yourself before God, and it is an act of worship. I believe the church has a lot to learn about coming into the presence of God. The church needs a greater fear, awe, and reverence towards God. This Gentile woman had a good idea of who she was bowing down to.

(Is 66:2) "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

## 2. She Persisted

The second lesson that we can learn from this Gentile woman is persistence. In verse 26, we see that kept asking Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. When Jesus told her to let the children be satisfied first, and not to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs, she was not deterred; she asked again. This woman was determined to get help for her daughter. She did not care if she was called a dog, she kept asking Jesus to heal her daughter. She knew what she wanted and nothing was going to stop her.

(Mark 7:26) "Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter."

Jesus refused to minister to her at first. He said, "Let the children be satisfied first." He added, "for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." This passage really bothered me for a long time. I could not see why Jesus would call this woman a dog. It did not matter to me that dogs were unclean and that the Jews saw the Gentiles as unclean or dogs. To me, referring to people as dogs did not show respect or dignity towards them. This seems out of character for Jesus or us. The word for dogs that Jesus used is kunarion, which means a little dog, or a household pet dog. The normal Greek word for dog is kuon. The woman's reply was that the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs. She understood that Jesus had not called her the normal dog, but a friendly, pet dog. She was not offended or deterred by Jesus' remark. Jesus was using the cultural designation, but in a nice way. Scholars have different thoughts about why Jesus responded to the woman that way. Some say He was testing the apostles. Others think that He was testing the faith of the woman. This would be more likely in my opinion because He did try to put her off. She would have nothing to do with it. She was going to be persistent and get what she knew was available, healing for her daughter.

I want to go to Matthew's account for a minute because we see that this woman was persisting even before she got to Jesus. I am going to pick it up in Matthew 15:22. "She began to cry out, saying, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.' Jesus did not answer her a word. And His disciple came and implored Him, saying, 'Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.'" Notice that she kept shouting at the disciples. She was persistent and she was not going to stop until she got what she wanted. Then, Jesus told her that He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. She was not deterred. "But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, 'Lord, help me!'" Then, Jesus answered her about

not taking the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed at that very moment. This woman persisted, and because of her persistence, she got what she wanted.

(Matt 15:21-28) "Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. {22} And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." {23} But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." {24} But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." {25} But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" {26} And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." {27} But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." {28} Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once."

In Luke 11, Jesus was teaching the disciples about prayer. After teaching them about the model prayer, He began to speak to them about persistence. He gave them a parable about a man who had a friend come at midnight and ask for bread. The man being woken up will tell the person to go away and not bother him. But, if that man keeps knocking and bothering him, he will get out of bed and give him the bread because of his persistence. We can learn a lot from this Gentile woman. She was persistent and got the bread she needed.

(Luke 11:5-8) "Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; {6} for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; {7} and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.' {8} "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

After giving the parable, Jesus said, "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened." The tense of these verbs is continuous. The one who keeps on asking will receive. The one who keeps on seeking will find. The one who keeps on knocking will have the door opened. Jesus was encouraging them to be persistent in their prayers. We can learn from this Gentile woman because she kept asking.

Luke 11:9-10 {9} "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {10} "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

In Luke 18, Jesus gave a similar story about a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. A widow kept coming to him, saying 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' For a while, the judge was unwilling, but afterwards he changed his mind. Why? "Because this widow bothers me...otherwise by continually come she will wear me out." This widow was persistent and got what she wanted from an unrighteous judge. Jesus finished that parable by saying, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to

Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?" God has encouraged us to be persistent in our prayers.

Are you persistent in your prayers? Or do you give up if you do not get it right away. I have been persistent in asking God for the kingdom. He said, Little flock, the Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." I am going to persist in my asking for the kingdom. I want to see people come to Christ in this area. I want to see God move mightily. I want to see lives changed. There are many little daughters that need to be set free. This Gentile woman is not the only one with a daughter that needs to be set free.

Are we going to humble ourselves before God and pray? Are we going to keep on asking, even if we don't get our answer the first, second, or third time we ask? Are we going to keep praying and asking, and knocking? Are we going to be persistent like this Gentile woman?

### 3. She Pleased

The third thing that we can learn from this Gentile woman is how she was pleasing to the Lord. You might wonder why I say that she was pleasing to the Lord, so let me explain. When the woman told Jesus that even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs, Jesus said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." Jesus was really pleased with her faith.

(Mark 7:28-30) "But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." {29} And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." {30} And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left."

In Hebrews 11:6, we read, "And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." This woman had faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. This woman not only pleased Him, but she was rewarded for seeking Him. Her daughter was healed at that moment.

(Heb 11:6) "And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Matthew ends his account with Jesus saying to her, "O woman, your faith is great." Jesus acknowledged her great faith. I believe that Jesus was pleased when He saw her great faith.

(Matt 15:28) "Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once."

### Conclusion and Applications

There is a lot that I can learn and that the church can learn from this Gentile woman. She heard and immediately acted on her belief. She immediately went to Jesus and fell at His feet. She pursued Jesus and found Him. She humbled herself and fell before Him. In Romans 14:11, we read that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. Paul is talking about judgment, and he concludes, "so then each one of us will give an account of himself to God." The question is when will we bow down before God. We have an opportunity to bow down now, which is what this

Greek woman did, she bowed down before Jesus and confessed Him as Lord. Or, after we die, we will all have to bow our knees and confess Jesus as Lord, but this will not go well with those who have not received Jesus' payment for their sins.

(Rom 14:11-12) For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD. {12} So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

There may be someone today whose heart has been stirred, just as this Greek woman's heart was stirred when she heard of Jesus. This morning, if you believe that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah, the Christ, and you believe that He came and died for our sins, and was raised from the dead, you can confess Him as Lord and be born again. The woman heard and immediately responded. If you want to respond right now, pray with me, "Father God, I believe that Jesus is the Messiah. I believe that He is the Son of David, and that He came and died for my sins, and that You raised Him from the dead. Jesus, I ask You to come into my life and I now confess You as my Lord. Amen." If you prayed that this morning, please share that with us. There are some things that we want to share with you about how to grow in your relationship with God.

This woman was persistent. She kept asking and did not take no for an answer. This woman's faith was pleasing to the Lord, and He rewarded her for her faith. How is your persistence? Do you give up easily? This woman would not take no for an answer. She loved her daughter and she knew that Jesus could heal her daughter, and she was not going to let go. I don't think she was a house dog, I think she was a bull dog. She put her teeth into her request for Jesus to cast out the demon from her daughter, and she was not going to let go for anything. She has persistence. How is your persistence? I am learning to persevere and be persistent in my prayers for God to release more of His kingdom. Karen is having to be persistent in her efforts to establish the IHOP Albuquerque. God wants us to be persistent in our faith and in our prayers. How is your persistence.

How is your faith? This woman had great faith and Jesus commended her for her faith. What would Jesus say about your faith? Jesus' disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. We can learn a lot from this woman of faith. She heard, she believed, and she acted on that belief.

Q&A

**Introduction** (1 Tim 2:11-12, Acts 18:24-26, Mark 7:24-30)

1. **She Pursued** (Mark 7:24-25, Matt 15:20-22, 15:24, Rom 1:16, Jer 29:13, Rom 10:17, Rom 10:9-13, John 6:37, Mark 5:2-5, Matt 17:15-18, John 10:10, Rev 5:8, Is 66:2)
2. **She Persisted** (Mark 7:26-30, Matt 15:21-28, Luke 11:5-10, Luke 18:1-8)
3. **She Pleased** (Mark 7:25-30, Heb 11:6, Rom 10:17, Matt 15:22-28, Rom 10:9-10)

**Conclusion and Applications** (Rom 14:11-12, Rom 10:9-10)