

WCBC MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY - MAY 14, 2017

TOPIC: *A Mother's Heart!*

TEXT: Matthew 15:21-28

INTRO: Happy Mother's Day!

I. A MOTHER'S HEART IS CARING: v.22

1. She approached the Lord Jesus - "*came to Him*"
Note: She swallowed her pride. She totally ignored what people had to say to her in doing this!
2. She owned her daughter's suffering - "*have mercy on me!*"
Note: Her daughter is suffering, so she is suffering too!

II. A MOTHER'S HEART IS DISCERNING: v.22b

1. She spotted the problem accurately!
Note: She discerns that the problem IS the demon-possession, and NOT her daughter!
2. She knows and understands that she is engaged in a spiritual warfare! - Ephesians 6:12

III. A MOTHER'S HEART IS HELPFUL: v.25

1. She brought her daughter to Jesus - v.25
2. She was willing to walk the extra mile in helping her daughter - vv. 23,24,26
 - A. Even when the Lord Jesus would not answer her - v.23
 - B. Even when the Lord Jesus seemed to disown her - v.24
 - C. Even when the Lord Jesus indirectly called her a dog - v.26
 - Tillie Scrubbed On!

IV. A MOTHER'S HEART IS FULL OF FAITH: v.28a

Note: "*great faith*" (*great* = "megas," extremely huge)

How Does One Obtain Great Faith?

1. *Get saved first - Ephesians 2:8
2. Pray in faith - James 1:5-6

3. Ask God to increase it - Luke 17:5

Because of her great faith, her daughter was healed!

CONCLUSION: Respect your Mom!

Mother Whipped Herself!

Leland Wang, the Chinese evangelist, told of an incident of his childhood which vividly illustrates the substitutionary work of Christ. On one occasion, he had been very naughty, and his mother, with a stick in her hand, called him to her to be punished. But he ran off, taunting his mother because she could not catch him. She had little chance of catching her small, lively son. So she stood still and said, "I feel ashamed of myself that I have brought up a boy who is not willing to be disciplined by his mother when he does wrong, so I must punish myself," and she began to whip her bare arm. This so touched Leland's heart that he ran back to his mother, threw himself into her arms, and pleaded with her not to hurt herself but to punish him. But no further punishment was necessary.

Mr. Wang says that, as he grew older, the memory of this incident helped him to understand the great love of the Lord Jesus Christ who willingly took our place on the Cross! - *Sunday School Times*

Verse For Today

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

- Isaiah 49:15

Food For Thought

"The best monument that a child can raise to his mother's memory is that of a clean, upright life, such as she would have rejoiced to see her son live!" - Paul L. Tan

Happy Mother's Day To All

