

**WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - NOV 3, 2019**

**TOPIC: TWELVE NT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT**

*Sermon 7: A Prayer For Healing!*

**TEXT:** Matthew 15:21-28

**INTRO:** Background Of The Story!

**I. HER PRAYER DEMONSTRATED HER GREAT TRUST IN THE LORD: vv.23-26**

1. Even when the Lord Jesus would not answer her - v.23
2. Even when the Lord Jesus seemed to disown her - v.24
3. Even when the Lord Jesus indirectly called her a dog! - v.26

Note: This is utterly insulting!

Why?: Because "dog" in the Bible is figurative of:

- A. Despised and unclean creature - Ps. 59:6, 14
- B. Detestable - I Samuel 17:43
- C. Worthless - II Samuel 9:8
- D. Cheap and dirty (like the earnings of a prostitute) - Deut. 23:18
- E. Gentiles - Matthew 15:28 (she's Greek - Mk. 7:26)
- F. Lost (Unbelievers) - Rev. 22:15

**II. HER PRAYER KEPT HER FROM GETTING**

**DISCOURAGED: vv.25,28 cf. Mark 7:20**

Reasons Why Christians Get Discouraged: Philipians 4:1-13

1. Because they have never learned to rejoice - v. 4
2. Because of lack of prayer - vv. 6-7

Note: \*Worry about nothing, but prayerful about everything!

- Perspiration vs. Supplication!
3. Because they are not content - v. 11
- Note: \*I Tim. 6:6 implies that not all Christians are content. They are just godly!

4. Because of lack of faith - Matthew 15:28

5. Because of Satan - I Thessalonians 2:18

**III. HER PRAYER WAS REWARDED: vv. 25, 28**

Note: Her prayer that showed her great trust in the Lord and kept her from being discouraged paid off. Her young daughter was healed because she did not give up! She kept on knocking on Heaven's door, so to speak!

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**CONCLUSION:**

- Message From The Robins!

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**Healing Against Depression!**

"Your adversary (the Devil) would love for you to assume the worst situation. He would enjoy seeing you heave a sigh and resign yourself to feelings of depression. However, it's been my experience that when God is involved, anything can happen. The One who directed that stone in between Goliath's eyes and split the Red Sea down the middle and leveled that wall around Jericho and brought His Son back from beyond takes delight in mixing up the odds as He alters the inevitable and bypasses the impossible. The blind songwriter, Fanny Crosby, put it another way: "Chords that were broken will vibrate once more!" - Charles R. Swindoll

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**Verse For Today**

*Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour! - Matthew 15:28*

**Thought For Today**

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear!" - John Newton

