

Desperate For Christ

Mark 7:24-30

A bouquet of tulips in various colors including purple, white, and pink, with green leaves. A white tag with a hole at the top is attached to the bouquet. The tag has the text "Happy Mother's Day" written in black cursive.

Happy
Mother's
Day



..HAPPY MOTHER'S
DAY, MOM.

THANKS,
SWEETIE...

NOW GO AND
WASH YOUR HANDS,
THEY'RE FILTHY..
AND COMB YOUR
HAIR... AND TURN
OFF THE LIGHTS.
DO YOU THINK
I OWN THE
ELECTRIC
COMPANY?..



NEASE '05

SEE? I
TOLD YA!

SO THAT'S
HOW SHE
DOES IT...

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO SUPERMOMS EVERYWHERE



Mark 7:24-30 (Matt 15:21-28)

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of **Tyre**. He entered **a house** and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, **as soon as she heard** about him, a woman whose **little daughter** was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

26 The woman was a **Greek**, born in Syrian Phoenicia. **She begged** Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.



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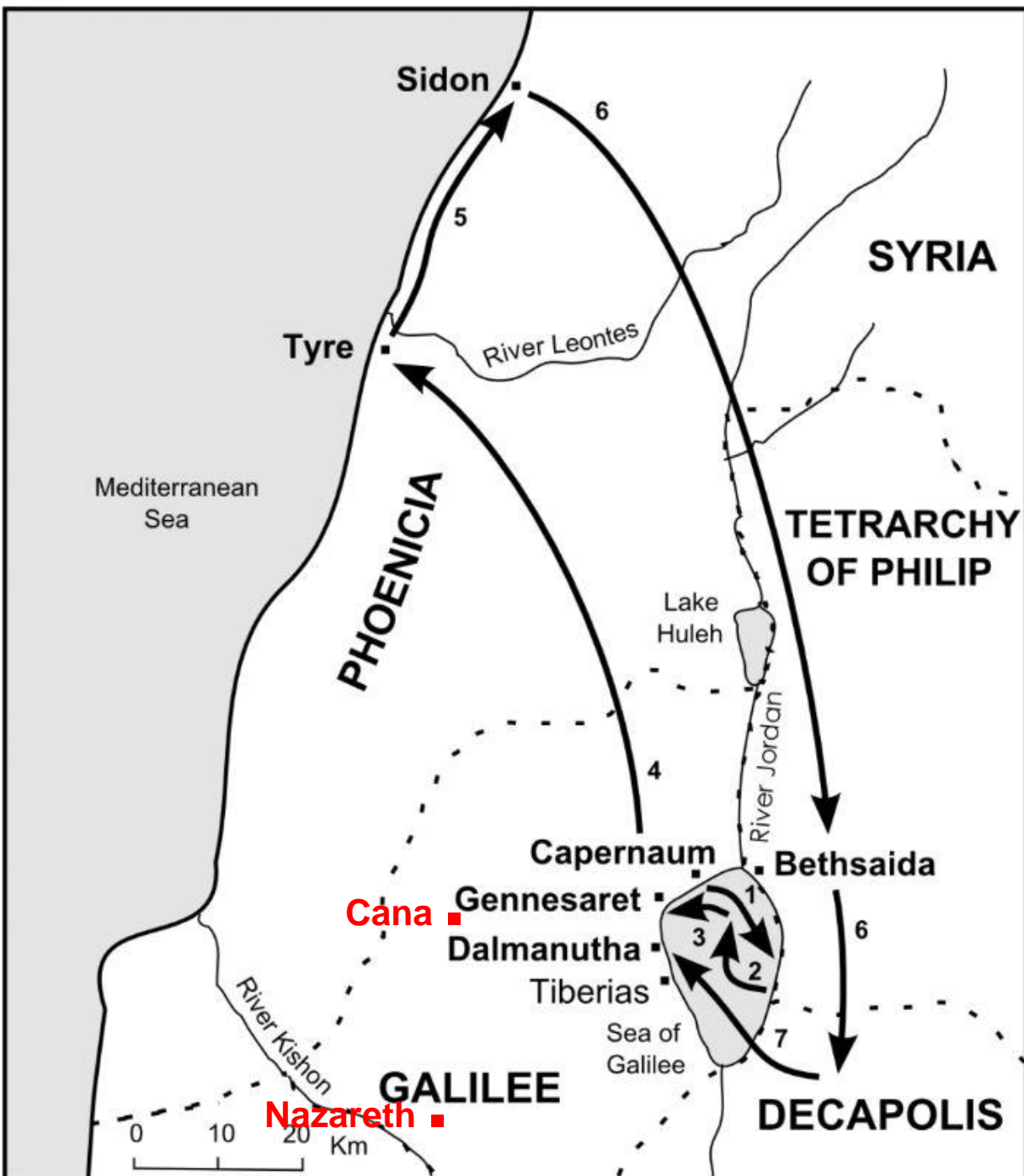
27 “**First let the children** eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it **to the dogs.**”

28 “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s **crumbs.**”

29 Then he told her, “**For such a reply,** you may go; the demon has left your daughter.” (Matt 15:28, “**Woman you have great faith! Your request is granted.**”)

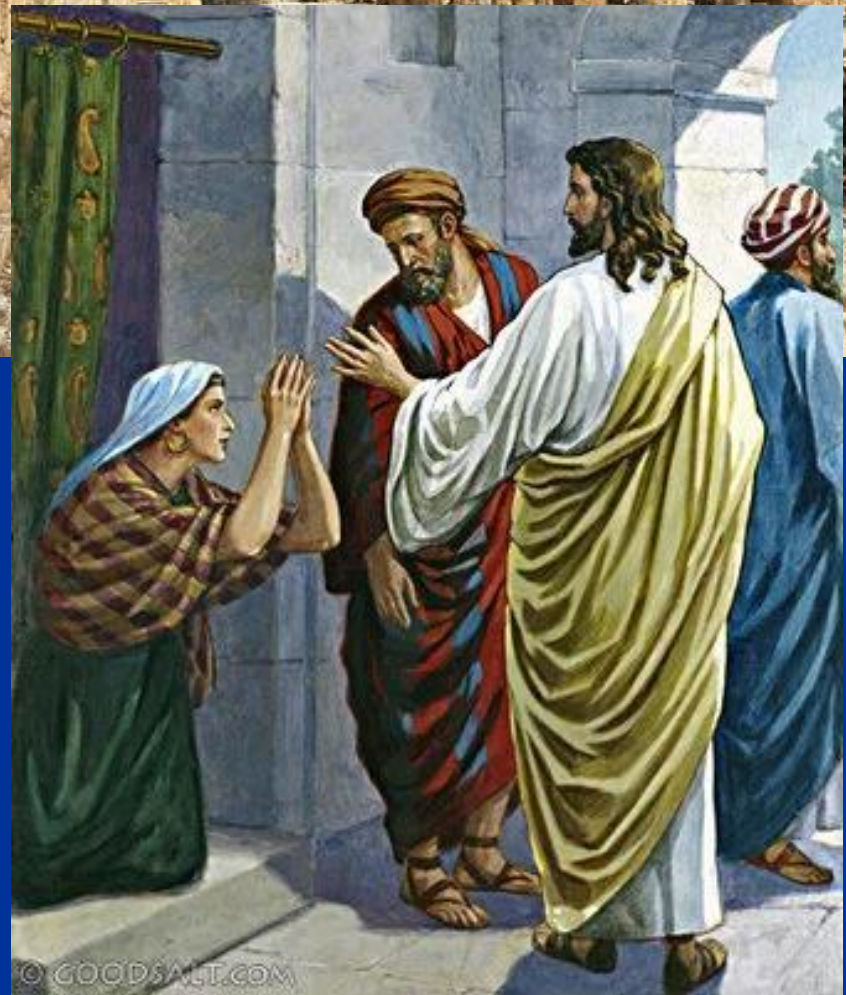
30 **She went home** and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.



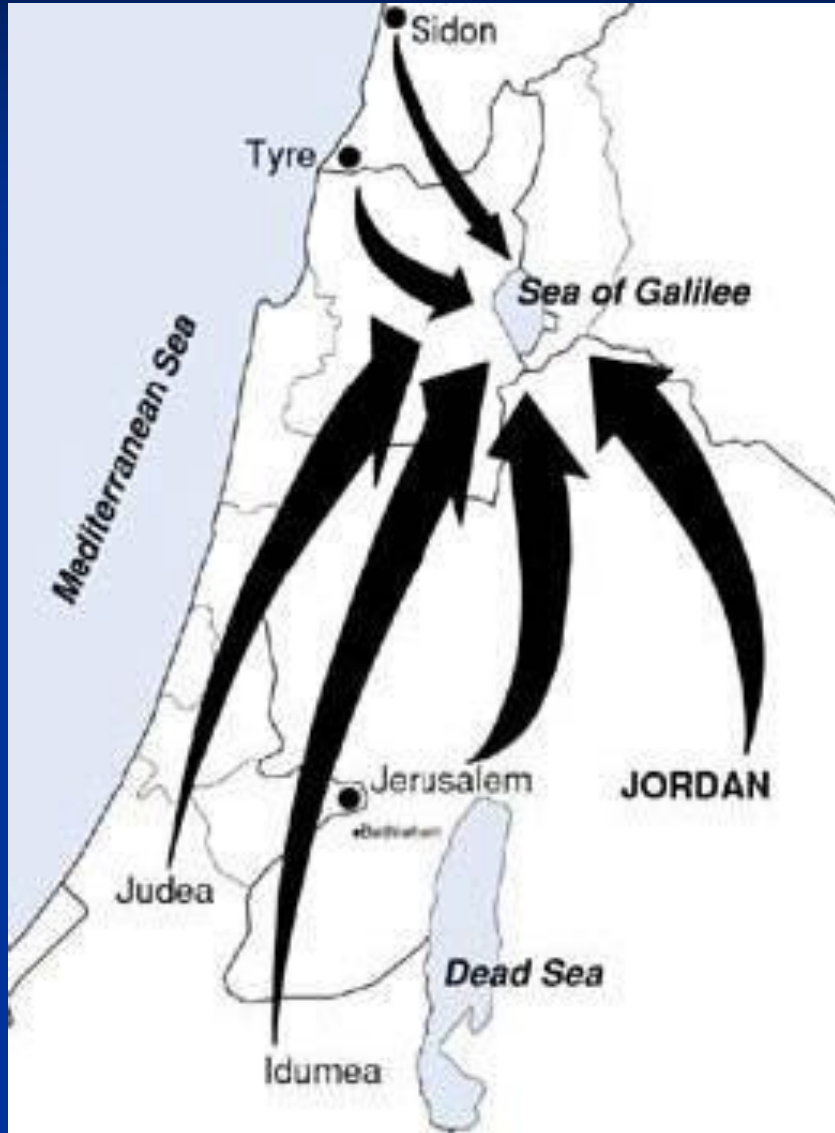


Jesus' Galilean Ministry





As soon as she heard – The Pursuit



- Why didn't she bring her daughter to Jesus?
 - Mt 15:22, “..is suffering terribly..”
- How did she know Jesus was there?
- v24, Jesus “entered a house..” Whose?
- Mark 3:7-8 – “a large crowd.. followed.. from .. Tyre & Sidon.”

The Pursuit



- She had heard about Jesus
- She was waiting for Jesus
- She knew Jesus was her only hope



She cried out to Jesus – The Petition

A Canaanite Woman From
That Vicinity Came To
Him, Crying Out, “Lord,
Son Of David, Have Mercy
On Me! My Daughter Is
Suffering Terribly From
Demon-possession.”

Matthew 15-22

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- “Son of David” – the Messianic address! Christ !
- “Lord” – She was the only one calling Jesus “Lord” in the book of Mark.
- She cried. She begged.
- She believed before receiving



The widow of Zarephath of Sidon

- She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”
- “Now I know..”
- She disbelieved even when miracle happened everyday



THE JAR OF
FLOUR WILL
NOT BE USED
UP AND THE
JUG OF OIL WILL
NOT RUN DRY
UNTIL THE DAY
THE LORD
SENDS RAIN ON
THE LAND.

- 1 KINGS 17:14 -

1 Kings 17

The Petition

Jesus did not say a word.

So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for **she keeps crying out after us.**”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

- Matt 15:23-25



Persists through hardships and challenges – The Perseverance

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

In Greek, the word “dogs” used refers to puppies, pet dogs of household.



The Perseverance with humility and wisdom

**“LORD,” SHE REPLIED, “EVEN
THE DOGS UNDER THE TABLE
EAT THE CHILDREN’S CRUMBS.”
MARK 7:28**



- “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.” - Mark
- “Woman you have great faith! Your request is granted.” - Matthew

The Faith of a believer

- *The Pursuit* – untiringly seeking for a solution
 - **untiringly seeking for God**
- *The Petition* – desperate for help
 - **desperate for Christ**
- *The Perseverance* – persistent in spite of difficulties and challenges
 - **surrender with humility and wisdom**

The marks of a great mother



Desperate for Christ

- Are you a believer ?
- Where is your hope?
- Do you truly know Christ?



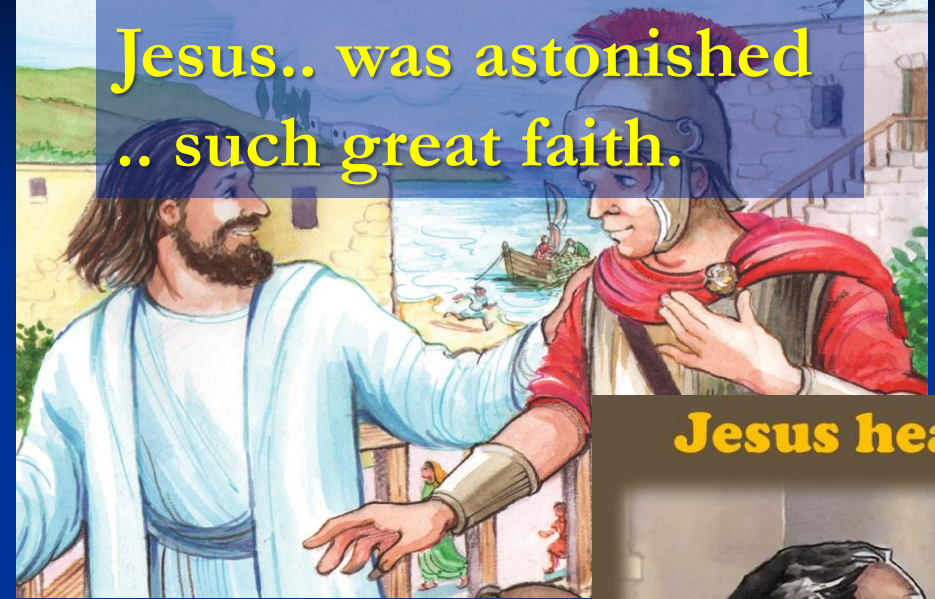
A silhouette of a woman in a dark, short-sleeved top and jeans, kneeling on a rocky surface. She is leaning forward with her head bowed and hands clasped in prayer. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong backlighting effect. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The overall mood is one of devotion and hope.

Be desperate
for God...every day.

Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant

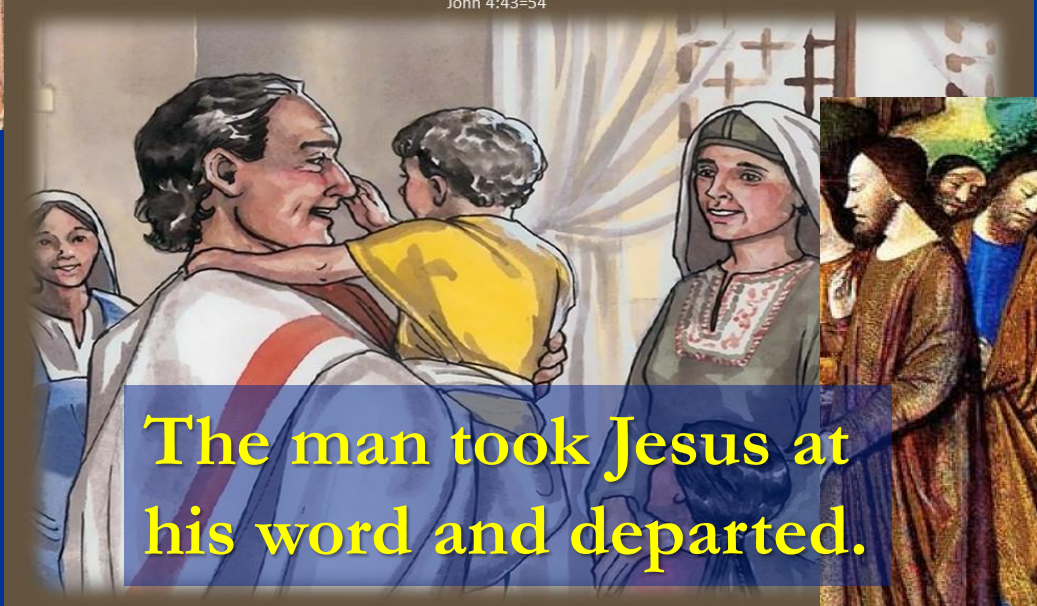
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Jesus.. was astonished
.. such great faith.



Jesus heals the Official's Son

John 4:43-54



The man took Jesus at
his word and departed.

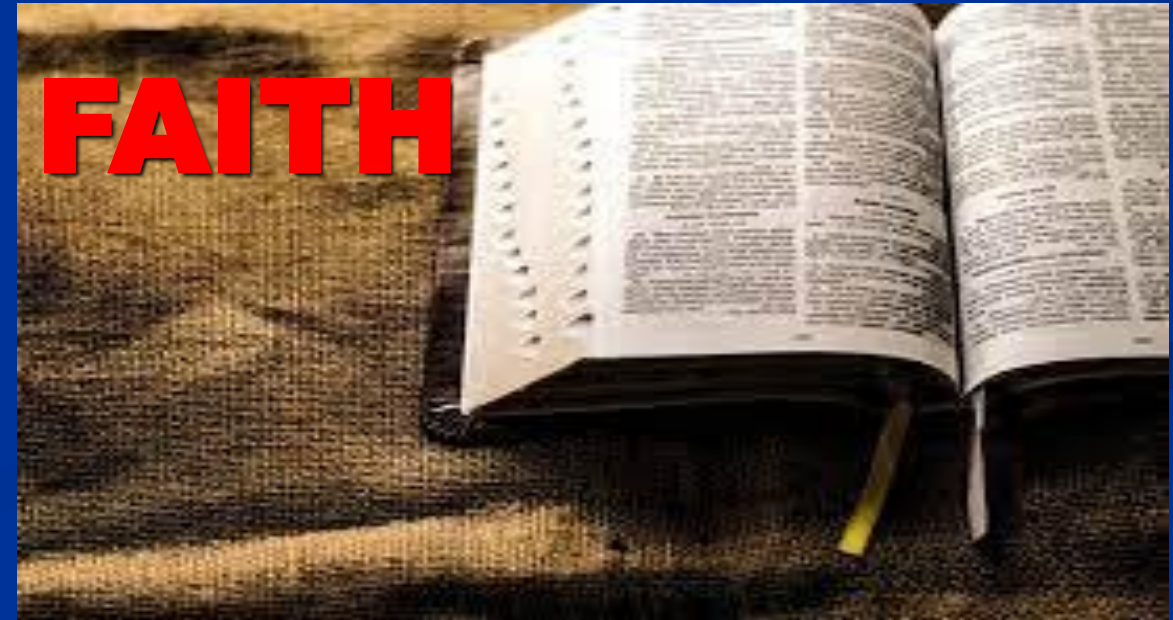


“Woman you have great faith.”

Healings at a distance

Healings at a distance


- the sick or demon-possessed couldn't come.
- They didn't or unable to ask Jesus for their own healing.
- Instead, a boss (Centurion), a father or a mother petitioned to Jesus on behalf of their loved one.
- Jesus only spoke to these people who were interceding. Yet the sick or demon-possessed were healed!





- Faith must come with action
- What you do with what you believe matters
- Faith needs to be developed; yet Faith requires you to plunge

**Desperate
Faith**

A photograph of a field of purple flowers, possibly lavender, in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

Don't be afraid.
Just believe.

Mark 5:36