

MEGA FAITH OF A NAMELESS MOTHER

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The Gospel of Matthew (15:21-28) presents a profound interaction between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. It showcased the transformative power of unwavering trust, amazing humility, unyielding determination and tenacious faith even in the face of insult and rejection. In verse 28, Jesus said to the Gentile mother, "O woman, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!" The story of the nameless mother ended remarkably in verse 28: "Jesus rewarded her extraordinary faith by giving her exactly what she asked for."

1. The nameless mother faced severe obstacles:

She was battling against Satan for the life of her daughter who was cruelly demon-possessed. Her love for her daughter was so great that she was determined to receive help from Jesus despite the hurdles: 1) **Being a WOMAN** – in ancient times, women were not given any kind of regard or position in societies; they had no right to come out in public and to demand healing from a Rabbi; 2) **Being a GENTILE** – the Gentiles were treated as inferior and had no right to speak with the Jews like Jesus; 3) **Being a CANAANITE** – the Canaanites were ancient foes of the Jews and were hated by the Israelites.

2. Why did the unnamed mother go to Jesus?

- 2.1 She desperately sought help for her daughter's healing and deliverance;
- 2.2 She recognized Jesus as Lord and acknowledged Him as the Son of David, which is a Messianic title;
- 2.3 She clung to Jesus, and believed that what she had heard about Him was true – He could heal, He was there to help not only the Israelites but also the "outsiders" and He was the giver of mercy (v. 22).

3. How did Jesus Respond to the Mother's Plea?

- 3.1 Jesus initially did not answer and the disciples urged Him to send her away (v. 23). The silence of Jesus and the open objection of the apostles neither intimidated nor demoralized the woman; she refused to be put off and be disheartened.

2. Jesus indirectly rejected the woman for the second time when He said that His mission is first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. However, the poor mother persisted; she knelt before Him, humbled herself at His feet, and appealed again for help (v. 24-25).
3. Jesus pointed out that "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." This was His third gesture of refusal to her desperate supplication (v. 26).

4. The Kind of Faith that Astonishes Jesus

- 4.1 **Great/Mega Faith** – the faith of the nameless mother was so great that all she needed was a crumb from "His Bread" to heal her daughter and set her free from evil spirit.
- 4.2 **Unyielding Faith** – faith that pursues relentlessly and does not give up; firmly trusts in God's promises.
- 4.3 **Jesus as the Object of Faith** – faith that is placed in the right person, not in false gods, idols or worldly things.
- 4.4 **Persistent Faith** – faith that presses on during difficult times, trials, tribulations, and desperate situations.
- 4.5 **Triumphant Faith** – faith that is a victory beyond what happens in life, a recognition that God will work things out in the long run.

Conclusion: Jesus commended the nameless mother's mega faith. She won over all the challenges because of her sheer determination to cross the barriers to reach Jesus' gracious mercy. Her persistence is a hallmark of godly-motherhood and her unyielding resoluteness is an embodiment of an enduring faith in God.

Reflections: 1. How does your faith compare to that of the Canaanite woman? 2. How has your faith been refined and proven true?

Prayer: Lord, may we experience You in a deeper way as we wrestle with life's obstacles, doubts, uncertainties. Through the example of the Canaanite mother, may we also nurture a mega faith that remains unshaken and resolute, and may our hearts remain tethered to Your mercy and grace. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!



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