

Matthew 15:21 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.:22 A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.":23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging.":24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel.":25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.":27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table.":28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

**MOST PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE HOW MANY GENTILES JESUS REACHED OUT TO AND HOW COMMITTED HE WAS TO REACHING THE WORLD BEYOND THE JEWS. THE MAN FROM GADARENES...THE SAMARITAN WOMAN...ROMAN CENTURION.**

## **THE POWER OF A MOTHER**

### **1. POWER IS PRODUCED FROM WEAKNESS**

**THIS MOTHER HAD EVERY DISADVANTAGE...BLACK, ALONE, IGNORED.**

THIS MOTHER WAS IN A GENTILE TERRITORY  
THIS MOTHER HAD ALREADY BEEN IN A FEW FIGHTS

*1 Samuel 17:34 But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock,35 I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death.:36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! :37 The lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the lord be with you!"*

2. POWER IS PERFECTED IN PRAYER

*pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely*

MERCY NOT MERIT

- SHE DID NOT COME BASED ON DIVA STATUS!

REVELATION OF WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO

- SHE REMINDED HIM OF WHO HE WAS

REAL TALK PRAYER REQUEST

- POSSESSED, TORMENTED, SEVERE

*2 Kings 4:1 One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the lord. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."*

*2 Kings 4:2 "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.*

### 3. POWER IS PROVEN IN PERSISTENCE

*Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging." :24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."*

### NEVER LET DISCIPLES STOP YOUR FAITH

- HER BEGGING BOTHERED THEM

### NEVER LET SILENCE STOP YOUR FAITH

- JESUS WAS ONLY TESTING HER

## NEVER LET RELIGIOUS RED TAPE STOP YOUR FAITH

- HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT?

*Luke 18:1 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.:2 "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people.:3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.':4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people,:5 but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'"*

