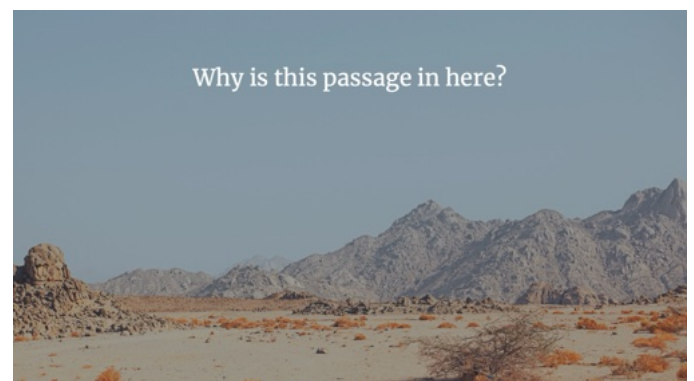
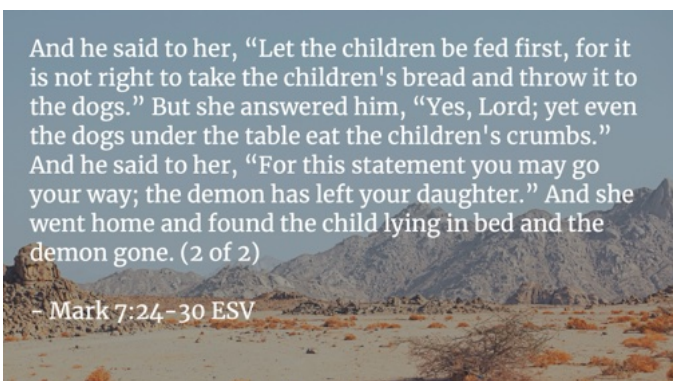
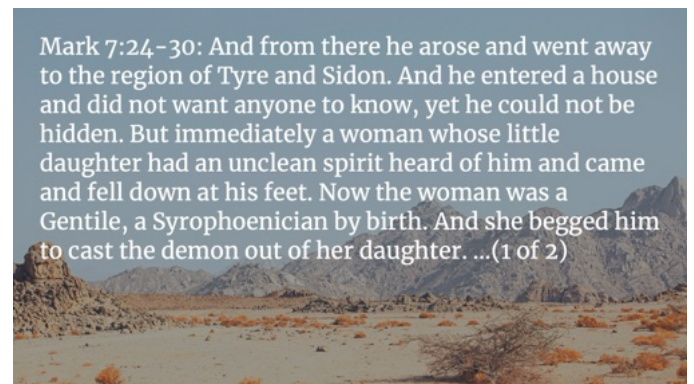




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Verses 24-27:

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

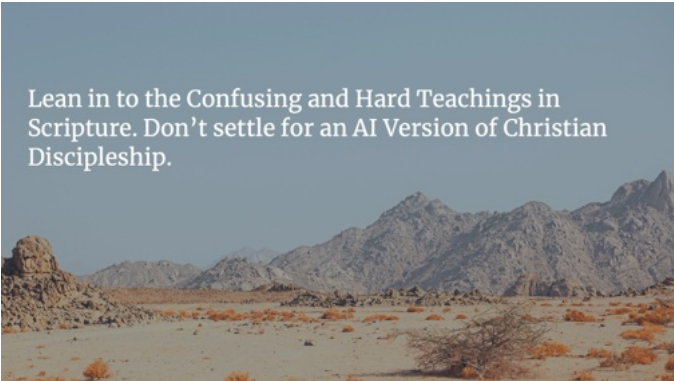
Verse 26: Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

Verse 27: And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

How to understand:

1. Context: Jewish leaders and this Gentile woman
2. What this woman would have been called
3. What Jesus is doing
4. What his saying means ("Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.")

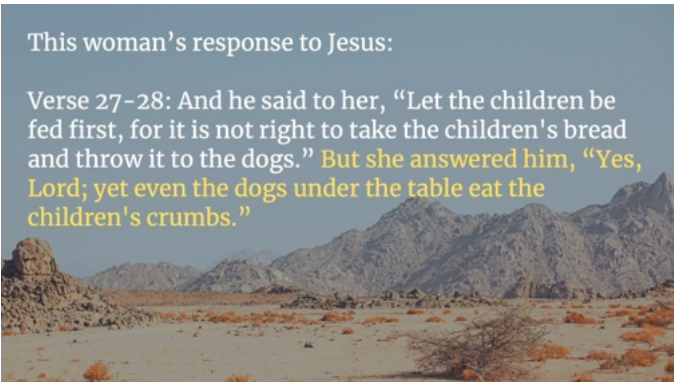
This passage certainly grabs our attention!



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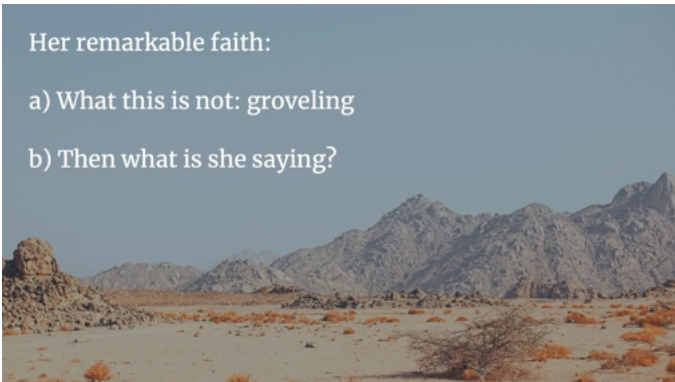
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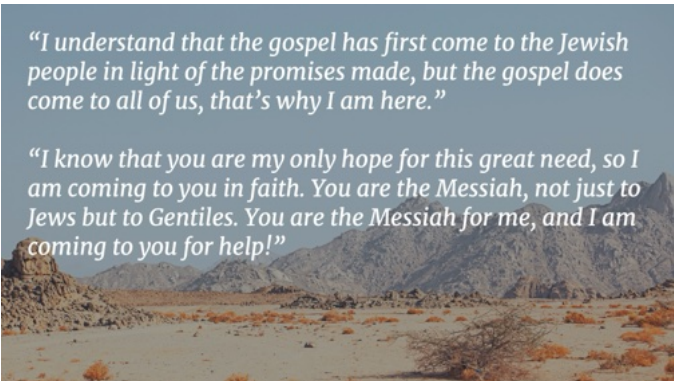
This woman's response to Jesus:

Verse 27-28: And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." **But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."**



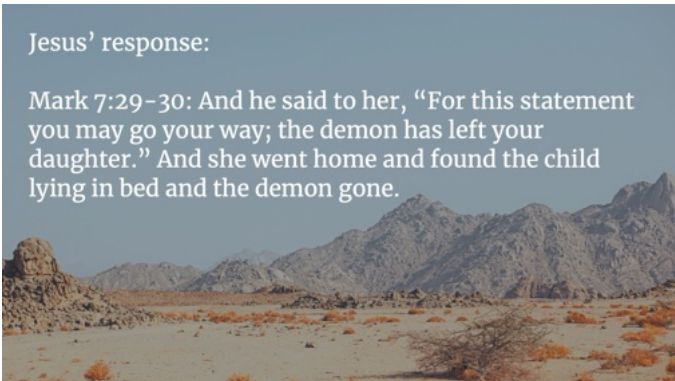
Her remarkable faith:

- a) What this is not: groveling
- b) Then what is she saying?



"I understand that the gospel has first come to the Jewish people in light of the promises made, but the gospel does come to all of us, that's why I am here."

"I know that you are my only hope for this great need, so I am coming to you in faith. You are the Messiah, not just to Jews but to Gentiles. You are the Messiah for me, and I am coming to you for help!"



Jesus' response:

Mark 7:29-30: And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Matthew 15:28: Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Matthew’s account of this text:

Matthew 15:22: And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”

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Jacob Wrestles
with the Angel

By
Gustave Dore



“Faith is a living, daring, confidence in God's grace.”

– Martin Luther

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Faith that is formed by the Gospel:

1. Remarkable: A remarkable Savior!
2. Humble: We cannot save ourselves.
3. Bold and Persistent: As a child to our Abba Father.
4. Grows and Stretches us: Trusting God as our Wise, Loving Father.

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Instead of this passage demeaning or looking down upon this woman, Mark is actually communicating the very opposite!

The surprise is that this woman, whom nobody expected, grasps the gospel of grace (compare with religious leaders and even the disciples).

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2. This is true personally. Don't write people off. Don't write yourself off.

Max Lucado: "God's book is written for failures. It is full of folks who were foul-ups and flops...Perfect people? No. Perfect messes? You bet. Yet God used them all. A surprising and welcome discovery of the Bible is this: God uses failures."

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