



## Daily Devotion



*"But she came and knelt before Him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'" Matt. 15:25*

If you had been this Canaanite woman, at what point would you have walked away? When He first ignored you? When His disciples got between the two of you and told you to "get lost!" When Jesus flat out said, "I'm not here for you?" Or perhaps when He called you, to your face, a little dog? Or maybe, instead of walking away from Him, you and I might have stayed to argue: "Who do you think you are speaking to me like that! I deserve better treatment than this!"

Not this woman. She agrees with Him. *"Yes Lord, I am a dog, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their Master's table."* No argument here. Faith does not argue with God. Faith agrees with Him...no matter what. Faith believes that God's word to us is true, no matter what it says.

This woman had every reason to believe that she was not going to receive help from Jesus – not today, not tomorrow, not ever. And yet she persisted. The more He pushed her away, the closer she drew to Him. Why? Because she had faith. She had nowhere else to turn for help. All she had was Jesus, but He was enough. She clung to Him...and so must we. God promises to give His Holy Spirit to those who ask. He promises to give us exactly what we need. Even when it looks like He is not listening, He is wanting us to keep praying. Even when it looks like He is refusing to help us, He wants us to persist. He did help this woman. He will help us also according to His gracious will.

*Give me, O Lord, a faith that will not shrink even when pressed in from every side, but that turns to You and believes that You will help at the right time. Amen.*