

A Mother's Prayer (Mt. 15:21-28. Mk. 7:24-30)

Intro.

A mother's background (Mt. 15:21,22, Mk. 7:24-26)

Note: end of second year of ministry

A mother's petitions (Mt. 15:22-27, Mk. 7:25-29)

1. Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David
2. Crying out after the disciples
3. Bowed before Him, "Lord help me."
4. First, dogs

A mother's joy (Mt.15:29, Mk. 7:29,30)

Reflections and/or Applications

1. Reflect on your mother's impact on your life as to strengths, weaknesses, acts of love, and making time for you. Give thanks for your mother and her input into your life, and maybe your impact on her life.
2. The silence of God can be a blessing! God's silence is not necessarily a "no." It could be due to improper motives, or a test of our faith, or even a delay as to God's timing. But for sure the divine purpose is to draw us closer to Him.
3. The request, "Lord, help me" reflects helplessness. The helpless recognize their inability to do anything (humility) and God's capability of doing everything (faith). Helplessness united with faith produces effective prayer (Hallesby).
4. It is not her background, her race, her gender, her perseverance, or persistence but her great faith in the Lord and His Word and humility. She seized on His words and reasoned biblically. Good mothers must do likewise today!
5. Colossians 3:12, 13 says "as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other." Do not all of these soft graces describe a mother?