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CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Woman who Inspired Jesus

Matthew 15:13-20



Matthew 15:21-28

She Chose Jesus Above All Else

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

She Overcame Discouragement with Love

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

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The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

To be scandalized is not just to disagree. It doesn't say they disagreed with him. "Well, you have this view, but I have this view; you have a right to your view." That's not what we're talking about. To be offended, to be scandalized, is to be outraged, is to viscerally turn away in disgust with your whole being. Jesus evokes scandal. Jesus offends.

"...no one ever responded to Jesus moderately. Every response to Jesus is extreme. Whenever people met Jesus and heard what he had to say, there are only three things they did: They either ran away from him in fear, murderously turned upon him and tried to kill him, or they fell down and surrendered everything to him. No one ever liked Jesus. No one ever said, "I like him."

She Triumped Through Faith

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed-or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."



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