



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 7: 24-30

Jesus went to the district of Tyre.

He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice.

Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet.

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first.

For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied and said to him,

"Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."

Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go.

The demon has gone out of your daughter."

When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Our Scripture Reflection

Please note: Jesus was not being mean to the desperately needy woman. She was a Syrophenician, a Gentile, and therefore, an outcast in the eyes of those Jews who saw her. By telling her about not throwing "the food of

children to the dogs”, Jesus is simply addressing what was on the minds of the disciples who were witnessing this event. The Jews called Gentiles “dogs”. As they watched and listened Jesus knew they were thinking, “Surely He is not going to help this dog!” But what Jesus calls her matters not to the woman. She wants her daughter to live and she has the faith to know He can heal her....and He does. What incredible faith the woman possessed.

Food for your Journey

If you want to see people's lives touched and changed by the Lord, you must love them.

-- Evangelist/lecturer Oretha Hagin

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I need not only a deeper faith in You but also the ability to trust You in all things. Heal and strengthen me, Lord. Help me to grow through the trials I experience in this life. May I know beyond doubt that You are with me at all times. Amen