



God Wants To: The Doggy Dilemma

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WARM UP

1. What is the worst
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Read Matthew 15:21-28 and put yourself in the story. What do you notice and feel as it unfolds?
4. List the 4 occurrences in this passage where the woman could have easily given up on Jesus. Why kept her from doing so?
5. Talk about the disgusting nature of Canaanite culture. Why was Jesus right to condemn it, and why did she still have hope that he might want to help her?
6. What does it mean to respond to God's judgement with God's promises? Refer to Romans 3:23 to identify how both are sandwiched into a single verse. Can we practice this when condemnation comes from others or even ourselves?
7. How did the woman turn a possible insult (being called a dog) into an opportunity? Why was Jesus so impressed by that?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

8. Read Luke 5:32. Are you prepared to accept the titles of "sick" and sinner" to receive Jesus' saving help? Why do many struggle to do so?
9. What does it mean for you to sacrifice your pride rather than your loved ones? What could that look like in your life this week?



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What would make me give up on _____?

Matthew 15:21-28

1. God may remain _____.
2. Others may _____ my faith.

Canaanite religion:

3. God may offer _____ words.

Reasons to Hope:

Sometimes faith _____ the signs and makes no _____.

4. God may _____ my culture or lifestyle.

Dogs for Jews vs. Greeks:

Respond to God’s _____ with God’s _____.

Romans 3:23-24

Great faith: Refusing to sacrifice her _____ to her own _____.

Luke 5:32

The Doggy Dilemma:

God _____ the proud but wants to _____ the humble (James 4:6)