



“A Mother’s Heart”

Mark 7:24-30 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*In a passage we visited before in the Gospel of Mark, we find how Jesus helps a mother who is overwhelmed and desperate. The lessons can help anyone who feels overwhelmed.*

I. Go to Jesus in Humility.

- A. A Syrophoenician mother’s daughter is demon-possessed and seeks Jesus out when He comes into her town.
- B. Solving this problem was beyond the mother’s resources, leading her to go to Jesus in humility –“she falls at His feet.”

II. Pray and Don’t Give Up.

- A. Even though this woman knew the customs of the Jews, she boldly breaks through all the barriers to ask Jesus to help her daughter.
- B. He didn’t say no, but dismissed her by saying that He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- C. This mother kept on praying and didn’t give up!
- D. This woman was a Gentile polytheist, and Jesus was looking for the one thing he looked for in everyone he healed Faith in Him!

E. Jesus told her a parable to give her an opportunity to believe.

F. The woman’s response amazed Jesus, and He answered her request!

III. Fully Trust in Jesus.

- A. This mother fully trusted in Jesus, leaving the burden of her daughter with Him.
- B. Her response to Jesus reveals her faith.
 - 1. She acknowledged that Jesus is the promised Messiah.
 - 2. She admitted that as a Gentile, she didn’t deserve the blessing of Messiah.
 - 3. Any blessing she does receive will be because of His mercy and grace.
 - 4. The Hebrew Scripture affirms that the Messiah’s ministry will extend to the Nations.

Conclusion.