

Crumb Faith Gets Results
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[Mat 15:21-28 NASB95] 21 Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and [began] to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and [began] to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

[Mar 7:24-30 NASB95] 24 Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know [of it;] yet He could not escape notice. 25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, [but] even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." 29 And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." 30 And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.

- Far too many Christians has been shaken in their faith. This is not a condemnation just an observation. It very well may be that they believe Christ has their eternity just not their present.
- We are looking for spectacular and miss the supernatural. We forget that God can take something little and do something BIG with it.
- In the Matthew 15 and Mark 7 we see a story of a woman who had a daughter afflicted by a demon. Jesus called her faith GREAT. In the interaction with Jesus, this woman reveals that she believed that only a crumb from the table of God would be enough.

What is it about crumb faith that could cause Jesus to say it was great?

Here are five things about this woman's crumb faith that made it great.

I. Those with crumb faith worship God.

- a. Mark 7:25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.
- b. There is something about humbling ourselves before God.
- c. Mark 7:25 reveals that when this woman heard that Jesus was in the area, she came immediately and fell down at his feet. The aorist participles indicate that she fell down at His feet when she heard and when she came. Thus, the writer expressed the urgency in this mother's heart as she unabashedly pursued Jesus — immediately.
- d. [1Pe 5:6 NASB95] 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

II. Those with crumb faith are not silent.

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- b. The disciples wanted her out, but she got it.
- c. She cried out even when heaven seemed silent.
- d. [Luk 18:5-8 NASB95] 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out." 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

III. Those with crumb faith are not offended with God.

- a. Mark 7: 27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, [but] even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."
- b. People who get results learn to be OK with the mystery of God. His Will vs. our will.

IV. Those with crumb faith understands God's relationship with us.

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- b. Jesus called the miracle "children's bread." That means God sees Himself as our Father and wants to provide for us as children.
- c. [Eph 1:5-6 NASB95] 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

V. Those with crumb faith knows God is more than able.

- a. She knew little is much when God is in it.
 - b. [Luk 11:20 NASB95] 20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 - c. Shout it... "It only takes a crumb!"
- **Those with crumb faith get results. [Mat 17:20 NASB95] 20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.**