



Journey Church
A Canaanite Mom | Matthew 15:21-28
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What does great faith look like when God seems silent?

Isaiah 50:10

God's Story

Matthew 15:21-28

What Great Faith looks like...

1. Faith sees Jesus for who He really is
John 6:68-69
 - We trust Jesus because of who He is, not because we understand what He's doing
2. Faith keeps coming even when God seems silent
Luke 18:1-8
 - God's silence is not the same as God's absence
3. Faith chooses humility over offense
1 Peter 5:5-7
 - Humility keeps us close to Jesus when pride would walk away
4. Faith trusts God's mercy more than its own worthiness
Hebrews 4:16
 - We approach Jesus because of His grace, not because of our goodness

Jesus

- Jesus was already moving toward us before we ever came looking for Him
Ephesians 2:11-12; John 6:37

Small Group Questions:

1. Where have you experienced God's silence recently, and what has been your biggest struggle in continuing to trust Him?
2. Which picture of great faith challenged you the most today—seeing Jesus clearly, continuing to come, choosing humility, or trusting His mercy? Why? Share a situation where God may be inviting you to grow in that area.
3. The Canaanite mother believed Jesus' mercy was bigger than everyone else's boundaries. Are there any boundaries—past failures, shame, disappointment, or prejudice—that keep you or others from coming to Jesus? How does this story challenge the way you see yourself or the people around you?

Be Intentional:

Identify one prayer or burden you've been tempted to give up on because God seems silent. This week, spend a few minutes each day bringing it to Jesus again. Before asking for anything, simply pray: "Lord, help me." Then thank Him for one way His character gives you reason to trust Him, even before you see an answer.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.