

Family Group Outline – November 15, 2020

WELCOME: What is your favorite meal to make with turkey leftovers?

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: ‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

WEEKLY WISDOM: “Trials are intended to make us think – to wean us from the world – to send us to the Bible – to drive us to our knees. Health is a good thing; but sickness is far better, if it leads us to God. Prosperity is a great mercy; but adversity is a greater one, if it brings us to Christ. Anything, anything is better than living in carelessness, and dying in sin.” – J. C. Ryle

WORD: *The Anatomy of Saving Faith*; Matthew 15:21-28

But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. [Matt 15:25-28; ESV]

What an encouraging Lord’s day! While we saw our church body grow numerically with 14 new commitments to membership (plus several kiddos), more importantly, we were also given an opportunity to grow spiritually as we dissected the great faith of the Canaanite woman recorded in Matthew 15. Anytime our Lord describes somebody’s faith as being “great,” we should take the time to analyze and meditate upon it. Let’s do that this week as we seek to apply the truth Pastor Jon preached to us this past Sunday.

Suggested questions:

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday’s sermon, was there anything that particularly impacted, challenged or confused you?
2. Read Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:14-23. Using the points from Pastor Jon’s sermon, discuss what makes the faith of this Canaanite woman a “great” faith. What did she do and say that convinced Jesus of the greatness of her faith?
3. What is the right response to meditating upon this passage? In what ways can our lives be transformed by considering the faith of this woman and Christ’s response to such faith?
4. Read Philippians 3:12-16. What should we do when we recognize our faith is imperfect and that we have room to grow?
5. Read Mark 6:30-31. Discuss the reasons why Jesus and His disciples “withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.” What does this teach us about our own need for rest? Time permitting, read the GotQuestions article on Christians taking vacation. How can times of rest be helpful in our Christian walk?

WE SHOULD PRAY: Let’s pray for discernment regarding our own faith in Jesus. It is easy to be self-deceived or even distracted from taking a spiritual inventory. Let’s pray for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to ways in which we can grow in Christlikeness.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Chorus

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Chorus

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