

Gospel of Mark

He's Open to Your Rebuttal

Mark 7:24-30

Opener: What have you been thinking about from the message on Sunday?

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1. In the analogy, what do the children, the bread, and the dogs represent? What is Jesus trying to communicate about his ministry with this analogy?
2. The woman took Jesus' analogy and provided an extra twist to it. What was her rebuttal for why Jesus could and should heal her daughter?
3. In the parallel gospel account (Matthew 15:21-28), Jesus responds with surprised pleasure at the great faith she had. How is she showing faith? Read **Hebrews 11:6** for some additional insight.
4. Jesus doesn't rebuke the woman for challenging his initial resistance. Instead, he affirms her faith and grants her request. What does this reveal to us about how we're invited to relate to God? How might this shape how you pray?
5. How does this woman's persistence with Jesus encourage you?
6. Read **Luke 18:1-8**. What do we learn about persistence and prayer from this parable Jesus told?
7. What is the balance between bold, persistent requests in prayer and humble, content acceptance when God doesn't give us what we ask for? What principles or truths help us navigate living out faith when sometimes we receive exactly what we ask for, and sometimes we do not?

Closing: What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do in response to what you have considered today in God's Word?