

## Leftovers

Jeremiah 3:1-25; Matthew 15:21-39 / Psalm 6:1-10

### I. No One Is Beyond Gods's Help

**A. A woman from outside the Household of the Faithful came to Jesus with an impossible problem.** Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a **woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and **cried unto him**, saying, **Have mercy** on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; **my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.** (MATTHEW 15:21-22)

**B. The disciples saw in her only a troublemaker.** But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, **Send her away; for she crieth after us.** (MATTHEW 15:23)

**C. Jesus made the woman focus the appeal.** But he answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** (MATTHEW 15:24)

**D. When the woman appealed on grace alone Jesus was ready to help.** Then came **she** and **worshiped** him, saying, **Lord, help me.** But he answered and said, **It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.** And she said, **Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.** (MATTHEW 15:25-27)

**E. God does great things for helpless sinners appealing to unconditional grace.** Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** And **her daughter was made whole** from that very hour. (MATTHEW 15:28)

### II. No Problem Is Too Difficult for Jesus

**A. Jesus worked publicly where people could see and evaluate for themselves.** And **Jesus departed** from thence, and came nigh **unto the sea of Galilee**; and went up **into a mountain**, and sat down there. (MATTHEW 15:29)

**B. People brought Jesus every imaginable problem.** And **great multitudes came** unto him, having with them *those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed*, and many *others*, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and **he healed them:** (MATTHEW 15:30) **see also The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.** (GENESIS 49:10)

**C. When the impossible becomes real, the glory goes to God.** Insomuch that **the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.** (MATTHEW 15:31)

**D. Jesus was displaying the marks of the Messiah.** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in **the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.** (ISAIAH 35:5-6) **see also Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;** (PSALM 103:3)

**E. God summons people to turn to Him in trial and disaster.** And **call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.** (PSALM 50:15)

### III. Jesus Is Not Stingy

**A. Jesus is compassionate.** Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and said, ***I have compassion on the multitude***, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and ***I will not send them away fasting***, lest they faint in the way. (MATTHEW 15:32) ***see also For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*** (HEBREWS 4:15)

**B. Faith requires something more than evidence.** And his disciples say unto him, ***Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?*** (MATTHEW 15:33) ***see also Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*** (HEBREWS 11:1)

**C. Jesus supplies more than believers think or ask; once more the leftovers amounted to more than that with which the disciples began.** And Jesus saith unto them, ***How many loaves have ye?*** And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he ***took the seven loaves and the fishes***, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and ***gave to his disciples***, and the disciples to the multitude. And ***they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.*** (Matthew 15:34-37)

**D. With men feeding more than four thousand people with seven loaves and a few small fish would be unthinkable.** And ***they that did eat were four thousand*** men, beside women and children. (MATTHEW 15:38)

**E. The great message to those who sorrow and suffer appears here for all to see.** And Jesus looking upon them saith, ***With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*** (MARK 10:27)

**F. For Jesus, the impossible is simply part of a day's work; invest yourself in the One Who can do all things.** And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala. (MATTHEW 15:39)