“Get God’s Attention” (Matthew 15:21–28)

Intro: What’s your prayer life like?__________________________________________________________
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1. The woman’s problem (Matt 15:21–22).
   • Jesus “withdrew” (15:21) from conflict and to seek some rest away from the crowds. True    False
   • Jesus travels about _______________ miles north into Gentile country (15:21).
   • The Canaanites were Israel’s ____________________________ (15:22).
   • The Canaanite woman cries out for “________________” for her demon-possessed daughter (15:22).
   • The Canaanite woman certainly appears to have genuine ____________________ (15:22).
   • How do you approach Jesus? Do you acknowledge Him for who He is?________________________ ________________________________________________________________________________.

2. The woman’s persistence (Matt 15:23–27).
   • Martin Luther vividly stated that Jesus was “as silent as a ____________________” (15:23a).
   • Is Jesus likely using silence to test the woman’s faith (15:23a)? True    False
   • Why does Jesus allow the woman to continue “crying out” (15:23b)? _____________________________________________________________________________.
   • How have you been put off by Christians (15:23b)? _____________________________________________________________________________________.
   • The word “bow” or “knelt” is the Greek word for “___________________________” (15:25).
   • The OT story of ____________________________ in Genesis 32 is helpful in interpreting this story.
   • The Canaanite woman sees herself as a “__________________” (15:27).

3. The woman’s provision (Matt 15:28).
   • The word “great” comes from the Greek root _________________.
   • This story foreshadows the time when God’s people will include _________________________.
   • The Canaanite woman’s “great faith” is contrasted with the disciples’ “_________________ faith.”

Big Idea: Faith __________________ through testing.