

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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| DAVID     | LOST    |           |
| DISCIPLES | MASTERS |           |
| FAITH     | MATTHEW |           |
| GREAT     | SCRAPS  |           |
| HEALED    | SHEEP   |           |

### *Catechizing Corner!*

The emphasis here is not on Jesus' miracle; it is on the faith of the woman. She displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear her and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Christ, the Messiah, Israel's promised one.

In her desperation, human pride no longer served her. She acknowledged the difference between Jew and Greek, but insisted that no matter what obstacles were in her path, they could be overcome: "[S]he acts on her own conviction that the barriers that separate her, a gentile, from Israel are not impregnable."

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.*

*Cycle A Paulist Press*



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## *Disciple's Reflection* *for the* *Question of the Week*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

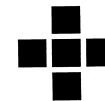
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God  
Matthew 15:21-28

Faith Sharing  
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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## Call to Prayer

*Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."

He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children

and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

### The Gospel of the Lord



### Gospel Glossary

**Tyre and Sidon** are two cities where Jesus went to spread faith.

The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed from a **demon**, because of her faithfulness that Jesus sees in her. A **demon** is an evil spirit that can cause people to behave in poor ways to themselves and others.

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** When has compassion for another moved you beyond your comfort zone?

**Teens:** When has your faith in Jesus helped you be courageous?

**Children:** Describe a time when you were brave.

**Families:** What in this story strikes you as powerful? What touches your heart? What images do you take away from this reading?

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*