

## Who do you say I am? #3 – Crumbs from Jesus

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21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” 25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. 26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” 27 “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” 28 Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Our perspective on “great \_\_\_\_\_.”

The Pharisee’s perspective on “great \_\_\_\_\_.”

The woman’s perspective on “great \_\_\_\_\_.”

She knew that \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus were a \_\_\_\_\_.

Bottom Line: Crumbs from \_\_\_\_\_ are a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Connect Group Study/Personal Meditation

### Getting Started:

- ✎ Share one of your favorite people in the Bible and why their story resonates with you (Why do you like them? Why do you relate with them? What do you learn from them? Etc.)

### Digging In:

- ✎ Only twice in the New Testament is Jesus amazed at faith. Both times he was amazed at the faith of Gentiles. More often he was disappointed with the lack of faith or the “little faith” of his disciples. Read these two accounts and identify why Jesus called their faith great. Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 15:21-28.

- ✎ We noted that this woman would not have called her faith great (in fact, she cries, “Lord, have mercy!”), but that she knew and understood that Jesus was great. Why is this an important thing to note in this conversation about “great faith?”

- ✎ What is the danger of navel gazing? (Navel gazing is the practice of looking in at ourselves to see if we have a “great faith.”)

- ✎ What is the joy in Jesus gazing? What is the joy in knowing that crumbs from Jesus are a feast?

### Taking It Home and to Heart:

- ✎ How will this sermon and this study change the way you pray, the confidence in Jesus that you have, or anything else about your walk of faith?