

## **ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**

### **Part 3: The Syro-Phoenician Woman**

#### **HOW IS THE LORD TO YOU?**

- Your perspective matters
  1. Is God against you? Uninterested? Disappointed?
  2. The Scriptures paint a different picture (*Psalm 117:1-2 NKJ*)

#### **A WOMAN WHO BELIEVED JESUS WAS GOOD** (*Matthew 15:21-28 NKJ*)

- She did not limit herself
  1. She had two key areas against her
  2. Might have been embarrassed about her daughter
- She was not derailed by setbacks
  1. Jesus was not answering her - sent to Israel
  2. The disciples were not helping her
- She showed great faith in Jesus' goodness
  1. She worshipped Him - no accusations or blame
  2. She acknowledged Him as greater/wiser
  3. She impressed Jesus with her faith

#### **DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GOODNESS TO YOU**

- Stop creating limits
  1. Labels create limits
  2. Speak life (*Proverbs 18:21 NKJ*)
  3. Answer life with life (*Mark 11:13-14 KJV*)
- Adopt a different mindset toward setbacks and challenges
  1. The road of life is not all downhill
  2. Believing in God's goodness to you will help (*Hebrews 10:35-36 NKJ*)
  3. If you have been derailed get up and get back on track
- Consistently express faith in God's goodness to you
  1. The negatives in life are consistent, so we must be more so
  2. Worshipping and thanking God