

The Power of the Crumb

Matthew 15:21-28



The Audacity of a Mother's Hope



**A mother knows her
child's voice.**

**Leaving that place, Jesus
withdrew to the region of
Tyre and Sidon.**

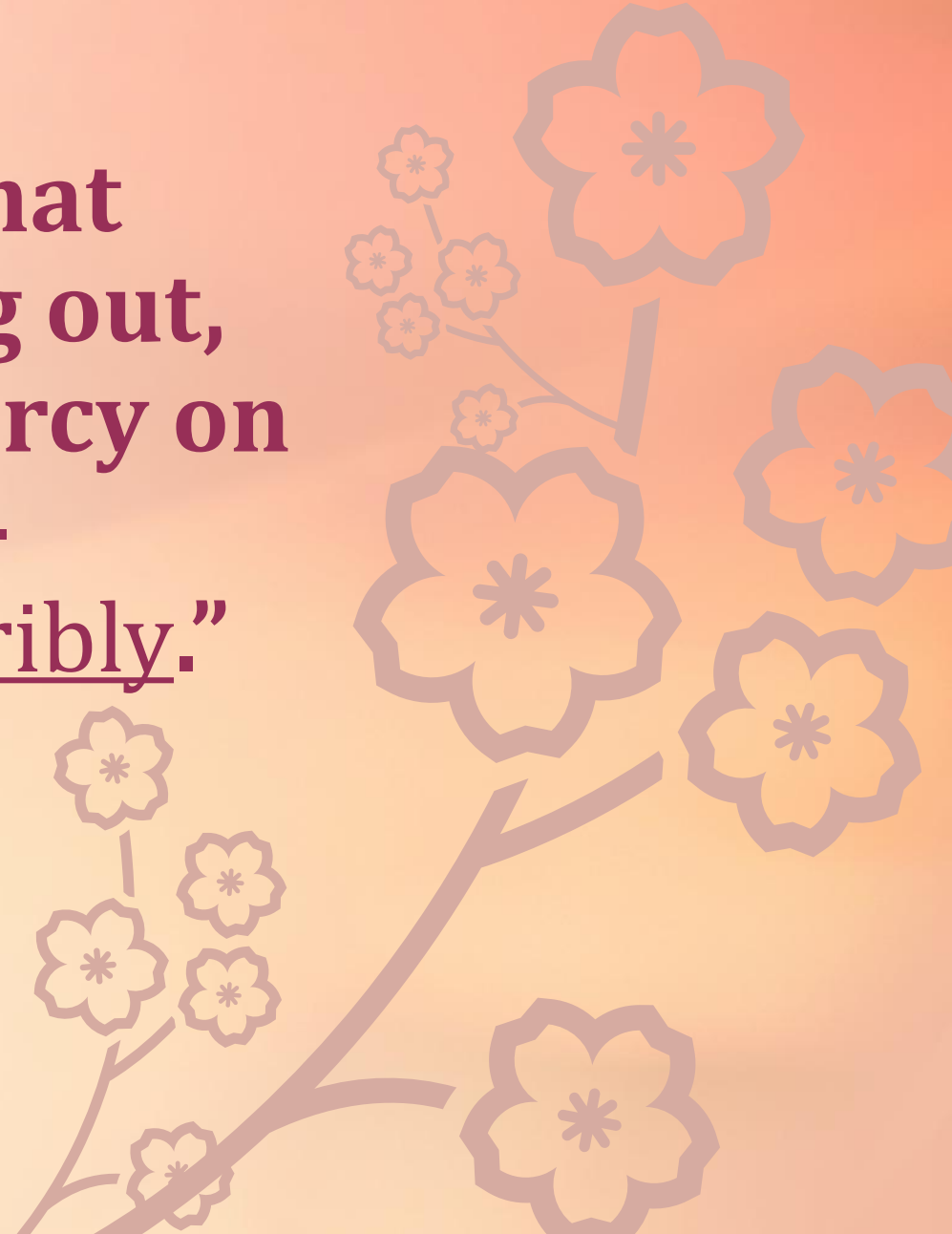
Matthew 15:21



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.”

*Matthew 15:22**

**See also, Mk. 7:24-25*





**A mother that
doesn't fit in.**



**She was determined
not to lose hope.**



A mother's love

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.”

*Matthew 15:23**





Jesus had compassion on non-jews

Luke 4:26-27



**A patient waiting
mother.**

**He answered, “I was sent only to
the lost sheep of Israel.”**

Matthew 15:24



**Then she came and worshipped
Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”**

Matthew 15:25 KJV





A mother's worship style often determines the children's worship style.

He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

*Matthew 15:26**





**A mother facing
resistance.**

“Yes it is Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

Matthew 15:27





**This mother knew
that God's "leftovers"
are more powerful
than the world's
"main course."**

**Then Jesus said to her,
“Woman, you have great faith!
Your request is granted.” And
her daughter was healed at
that moment.**

Matthew 15:28





**Her faith wasn't
"great" because she
was perfect; it was
"great" because it
was relentless.**



"What is the first thing we must do before we can be forgiven for our sins?"

**Mothers are
the ultimate
relay runners,
carrying the
baton of prayer
when their
children are
too weak to
hold it.**



A Legacy of Intercession



The power of a mother's prayers cannot be too highly estimated. She who kneels beside her son and daughter through the vicissitudes of childhood, through the perils of youth, will never know till the judgment the influence of her prayers upon the life of her children.

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If she is connected by faith with the Son of God, the mother's tender hand may hold back her son from the power of temptation, may restrain her daughter from indulging in sin.

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When passion is warring for the mastery, the power of love, the restraining, earnest, determined influence of the mother, may balance the soul on the side of right.

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