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Sermon Title: Encounters with Jesus -- Just a Crumb

Speaker: Matt Manno, Student Ministries Pastor

Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 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." 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." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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Sermon Outline:

- I. A mother comes to Jesus for her child out of anguish and despair.
- II. The only answer to her child's pain is Jesus.
- III. She starts by acknowledging who He is and is clothed in humility.
- IV. There was a disdain between the Jewish people and the Canaanite (Gentile) people.
- V. Jesus's first response is silence.
- VI. Jesus then responds that she is not part of the mission He has been sent for. It is not her time yet.
- VII. Her response was to keep asking and to keep worshipping Him despite not hearing what she wanted.
- VIII. She never loses sight that Jesus is the answer. Her faith changes Jesus's mind, because she knew He was more than enough.

Sermon Summary:

Pastor Matthew Manno offers the second sermon in the Encounters with Jesus series, focusing on the Canaanite Woman.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
 - In your family of origin, how was pain dealt with?
 - How do you respond when God is silent? What is your response to Him saying no?
 - When is a time you tried to force your own will instead of waiting for God? What was the result?
 - How easy is it to forget that Jesus is the answer to your problem? Can we sustain just off a crumb He may offer?
 - What is it you need faith for today?