

Mark 7:24-30

Life lessons from a great teacher

- I. Intro
 - A. Life lesson from Smoky mountains
 - B. Christ the ultimate teacher and role model
in our text He is trying to teach a very important lesson
- II. Read the text. Mark 7:24-30 Matthew 15:21-28
seem like harsh words
- III. Four things Jesus wants his disciple to learn
 1. Road blocks in their hearts
 2. Desperation leads to action and conviction
 3. Humility
 4. Faith
- IV. Road blocks in our heart
 1. Israel Jericho road block
 2. Design to keep things in or out lead to disaster
 3. Disciples had a prejudice toward anybody not Jewish
 4. Matthew 15:22-26
 5. Big smile as he was conversing with the Canaanite woman
 6. What road blocks are still in your heart? Woman with anxiety about an mri
Unforgiveness, pride, self-righteousness, unbelief
 7. How do you remove the road blocks- repent and trust in Christ
- V. Desperation leads to action and conviction
 1. Canaanite woman's child was being tormented by a demon Matthew 15:22
 2. Bible gives examples what this looks like
mute, incredible strength cry out and cut himself, convulsions
 3. Can't imagine the helplessness she felt
probably tried everything possible
 4. Heard about Jesus and his miracles and now he is here
what was going to stop her?
 5. Do you think we live in desperate times?
are we going to fight for the souls of our children
are we going to seek and save the lost like christ did
 6. Christ needed his disciple to see how desperation leads to action
- VI. Humility. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 1. Picture this scene, can you feel her humility
 2. She lowered herself to seek a jew
 3. She took the name calling
 4. She recognized Christ as Lord
 5. Christ wants us to have a humble and contrite heart -prerequisite to be a christian
1 Peter 5:5
 6. The disciples were seeing exactly what Christ was modeling for them- humility
- VII. Faith
 1. Read last part of text Mark 7:26-30
 2. Even the crumbs were good enough for her
 3. Small as a mustard seed
 4. The power in faith is who you have faith in, hers was Christ
believers put all eggs in one basket

VIII. Conclusion

1. Christ cares for
his disciples
the Canaanite woman
the daughter
us - pattern break down barriers, see our sin, humble ourselves, have faith

Mark 7:24–30 (ESV): The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Matthew 15:21–28 (ESV): And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

1 Peter 5:5 (ESV): 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Mark 7:20–23 (ESV): 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."