

Dogged Determination (Matthew 15:21-28)

Introduction

- What are we going to see in this morning's passage?
- What are we seeing in Matthew 11 - 16?
- What does Jesus do in v21?

i Need leads to faith-filled prayer

- Who approaches Jesus in v22?
- What is her request like?
- What does she mean when she calls Jesus "Lord"?
- What does she mean when she calls Jesus "Son of David"?
- So what is her attitude to Jesus?
- What does the basic Greek word for prayer mean?
- During the prayer service a fortnight ago, what did David Magowan tell us we need if we are really going to pray?
- Note a few verses which speak about our need.
- What sort of needs do we have?
- What should our attitude be as we pray?
- Where do we sometimes go wrong here?

ii Faith leads to persevering prayer despite obstacles

- How does Jesus respond to the woman in v23?
- How does he respond in v24?
- What does the woman do in v25?
- How does Jesus respond in v26?
- Why is he not being rude?
- How does the woman reply in v27?
- What does this illustrate about her?
- Are our prayers always answered immediately?
- For what two reasons did the woman persevere in prayer?
- How does this help us?

iii People of faith can be found in strange places

- In v28 Jesus grants the woman's request. What else does he comment on?
- What does this show?
- Why is this encouraging for us?
- Can God save you if you are not a Christian?
- How can this happen?