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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: WHEN GOD IS SILENT
Key Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/when-god-is-silent
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Introduction:

Have you ever felt God silence and wondered if He ever heard your prayer? This is what the woman with the demon-possessed daughter experienced. Let's explore her story found in Matthew 15:21-28/Mark 7:24-30

Discussion:

1. In Matthew 15:21, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon, which was predominantly a Gentile territory. Why is this setting significant with the encounter of the Canaanite woman?

2. How does the Canaanite woman address Jesus in Matthew 15:22, and what does this reveal about her understanding of His identity?

3. Considering Jesus' initial silence (Matthew 15:23a) and the disciples' response (Matthew 15:23b-24), what can we learn about patience, persistence, and the attitudes that may influence our approach to Jesus?

4. How does the woman's act of kneeling and her response to Jesus' statement demonstrate her humility, faith, and understanding of Jesus' power and mercy? How does her faith encourage you? (Matthew 15:25-28)

5. What does Jesus' statement in Matthew 15:28a reveal about the criteria for great faith?

6. Reflect on the supernatural healing of the woman's daughter in Matthew 15:28b. How does this miracle illustrate the power and compassion of Jesus?

Reflection:

Just because Jesus isn't saying anything doesn't meant He is not doing something behind the scenes.