

“WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!”

Matthew 15:1-28

Key verse 28

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

1. Who criticized Jesus’ disciples and why (1-2)? What did Jesus rebuke them for (3)? What example did he give (4-6)? What is more important than keeping tradition?
2. What did Jesus’ quote from Isaiah expose about the Pharisees (7-9)? What truth does Jesus want us to understand (10-11)? How does this answer their original accusation (2)?
3. What illustrations did Jesus give about the Pharisees who were offended (12-14)? How did Jesus explain his teaching to Peter (15-20)? What really defiles a person?
4. Where did Jesus go (21)? Who came to Jesus and what does her cry reveal about her (22)? How did Jesus respond, and what did his disciples urge him to do (23)? What did Jesus answer and why (24)?
5. What did the woman do next (25)? What does Jesus’ reply mean (26)? What wise and humble response did she give (27)? Read verse 28. How and why did Jesus recognize and bless her?
6. How does this woman’s words and heart contrast with the Pharisees? How can we be more like the woman?