

Great Faith

Matthew 15:1-39

Key Verse: 15:28

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

1. Read verse 1-2. Of what did some Pharisees and teachers of the Law accuse Jesus’ disciples? Read verses 3-6. What was Jesus’ counter charge? (6) Read verses 7-9. What do Isaiah’s words reveal to us about the Pharisees’ spiritual condition?
2. Read verses 10-14. What did Jesus teach the crowd? (11) Why were the Pharisees offended? What short parables did Jesus give about the Pharisees who were offended? (13, 14) Why did he call them blind guides?
3. What did Peter ask? Which parable was he talking about? (15,10)What is Jesus’ explanation? (13) Read verses 16-20. What really defiles a person? (12:34; 15:18-20) What do these verses reveal to us about the Pharisees’ real problem?
4. Read verses 21-23. After a confrontation with the Pharisees, to where did Jesus withdraw? Who came to Jesus and what did she want? What did she believe about Jesus? How did Jesus respond? (23a) What did the disciples suggest? (23b)
5. Read verse 24. What did Jesus teach his disciples about the mission of the Messiah? Read verses 25-26. What was the woman's plea? What was Jesus’ answer? (26) What did he mean? Read 27-28. What does her reply show about her? What was Jesus' response?
6. Read verses 29-32. How did Jesus reveal his Messianic identity? His compassion? Read verses 33-39. How did Jesus’ disciples participate in this second feeding of a multitude? What was Jesus teaching his disciples? How are they different from the Pharisees? Through these three events what can we learn about what the Christian faith is and what it is not? About being disciples of Jesus?