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“Desperate Times Call For ...”

(Matthew 15:21-28)

This is usually the point in the year when we have wrapped up our summer _____ plans, and we’re getting back to our _____ routines, etc..

It takes a certain amount of _____ to take a trip to a surprise destination that requires _____ gear.

Tyre and Sidon were _____ towns about _____ miles from where Jesus had been in Galilee.

The only obvious reason Jesus might have traveled to this challenging destination was to _____ to this desperate woman.

This was not just any woman, this was a _____ woman.

They were traditionally considered _____ of the Jewish people.

Jesus commends this woman for her great _____.

Desperation can drive us to make unthinkably bad _____.

Many of us know what it’s like to feel _____.

There’s a popular phrase: “*Desperate times call for desperate _____.*”

I want to suggest to you that a more helpful phrase would be: “Desperate times call for _____!”

This passage shows us that desperation doesn’t _____ you from having _____ faith.

All that’s required is to bring your desperate _____ to Jesus!

This woman who wasn’t from the Jewish faith addressed Jesus as _____.

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The word she used refers to one who is Supreme or _____.

Kate Bowler: “*I had been hoping for control. Work hard, stay right with God and life will work out. The key word is that little ‘and.’ Do this and you get that. Action, result – guaranteed. That’s control. I had been praying hard. But Jesus, I had to admit, never says that God offers us certainty. Jesus says God offers us love. Could I love God even knowing I could die in two months?*”

Jesus is absolute proof that God _____ us!

Jesus didn’t come to wave a _____ wand and take away all our _____.

He did come to show us that we are not _____!

What was the Canaanite mother’s first request of Jesus?...
“Have _____ on me.”

Even when Jesus was silent, even when he tried to turn her away, she _____ down at his feet.

The Greek word used here indicates she knelt down in _____ before him.

Great faith is pretty simple, at least by Jesus’ standards.

Bring your _____ to him and _____ in God’s love for you!

**Desperate times don’t always call for desperate measures,
but desperate times always call for Jesus!**