

Sunday AM Sermon – May 30, 2021

Family Roots: Selflessness

Matthew 15:21-28



Amidst voices that tell you to promote your personal brand, stand up for yourself, and getting what belongs to you, Jesus says, “I want you to be selfless like me.” Is that possible? Apparently, it is. Because even a Canaanite woman in Jesus’ day was able to do it.



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

Selfless(ness) –
Daughter –
Mother –

2. How is selfishness apparent in our world today?
3. What is the history of Canaanite people?
4. What was so heavy for this mother that Jesus met?
5. Lesson one: The selfless _____ and _____ (22)
6. What’s the danger of admitting struggles?
7. Lesson two: The selfless _____ (23-24)
8. What is a fear that many of us have?
9. Lesson three: The selfless are willing to _____ and _____ (25)
10. What is humility?
11. Lesson four: The selfless are willing to be _____ (26)
12. How does racism, prejudice and hatred create walls?
13. Lesson five: The selfless are _____ about _____ they _____ (27)
14. What did the desperate mother do with the “dog” label?
15. What impressed Jesus about this mother’s faith?
16. How does having faith enable us to be selfless at home?

“On the Internet, nobody knows you’re a dog.”



Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: Talk about acts of selflessness you’ve seen in your family. Who shows selflessness, and why?

Faith Walk: In your family, do things that force you to be inconvenienced, misunderstood, and selfless.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless

you!

Next Sunday AM Sermon – Family Roots: Passion for Father (Matthew 12:46-50)

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Discussion Starter Questions

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1. They are startling words that the Savior and Creator *made himself nothing* (Philippians 2:5,7). What do you think that means for us?
2. The Canaanite woman was the kind of person you would love to have in your corner if you were in a fight. What made her such a remarkable woman and mother?
3. Why is honesty and acknowledgement of struggle the first key step toward improvement?
4. This Canaanite mother experienced rejection from the disciples and even from Jesus. What prepared her to receive grace?
5. Insults and exclusion often stir our anger. What enabled this mother to be persistent in her plea?
6. Jesus said the mother had “great faith.” In what sense did she have “great faith”?
7. What might selflessness look like in your home? How can you demonstrate it?