

Next Steps: If you are a parent there are sure to be times when your heart breaks over your children... for the poor choices they make or the struggles they have to face. Maybe you can relate to the mother in this story as your child deals with their own “demons.”

Spend some time this week reading this story again in Matthew 15:21-28.

Have you ever felt like this desperate mother?

What hardships do/did your children struggle with that are/were outside of your control?

One lesson we learn from the heart of this mother is to bring our requests to the feet of Jesus. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. How can you humbly pray for the needs of your children this week? How can you humble yourself before God? Is there a way to physically humble yourself? Is there a way to spiritually humble yourself?

Read Luke 11:1-13. What does this passage teach you about persistence in prayer? Does God want to provide us with good things? What will God give to those who ask Him?

Read Romans 5:1-11. How is God’s love poured out to us... even in the midst of sufferings? Can we pray this, not only for ourselves, but also for our children?

Read Hebrews 11. What does this chapter teach you about faith? Is faith something that is active or passive?

Next Week: We will continue to look at some of the most vexing questions we have about God and our relationship to Him. If you have ever hoped to experience “Freedom From Guilt” then you will want to join us as we take a closer look at God’s answer to sin, guilt and shame!