

## **Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 15:21-39**

### **(November 19, 2025)**

***—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—***

1. Why do you think Jesus intentionally traveled to the Gentile region of Tyre and Sidon, and what does this reveal about His mission beyond Israel?
2. How does the Canaanite woman's persistent faith challenge our own approach to prayer when God seems silent or unresponsive?
3. What can we learn from Jesus' testing of the Canaanite woman's faith, and how might God test our faith in similar ways today?
4. The woman humbly accepted being compared to dogs yet still believed she could receive from God's table. How does humility relate to faith in our own lives?
5. Why do you think the disciples failed to remember the previous feeding miracle when faced with the hungry crowd of four thousand?
6. What does Jesus' compassion for the physical needs of the crowd teach us about the relationship between spiritual ministry and practical care?
7. How does the inclusion of this Gentile woman's story demonstrate that faith transcends ethnic and religious boundaries?
8. In what ways are we called to sit at the feet of Jesus with our problems and concerns, and what prevents us from doing so?
9. What is the significance of Jesus giving thanks before multiplying the loaves and fish, and how should gratitude shape our expectations of God's provision?
10. How does the woman's response that even dogs eat crumbs from the master's table illustrate the abundance of God's grace available to all people?