

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 15A

16 August 2020



MAIN POINT

Faith in Jesus

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. **Matthew 15:28**

CHAT

Have you ever really, really wanted something and say "please, please, please, can I?". How many times did you ask? Were you ever granted your request?

The woman in today's reading was desperate for something Jesus was offering. At the time, people from all over were coming to him on a daily basis asking for his help – to heal the sick, cast out demons, offer hope. This woman had a very sick child and was desperate for Jesus to heal her. He could see that this woman was genuinely concerned for her child. See, she wasn't asking for the latest toy, or to go see the new movie that's just come out. She was speaking from the heart. She wanted the best for her child.

Did you know that there are people in our congregation who pray for you? They want you to know more about God. Their prayer is that you will love Jesus and have complete faith in him.

When Jesus could see the woman's genuine desire to heal her daughter, he could also see that she had total faith that he could heal. Sometimes we need to be reminded of that. Jesus, God, is more powerful than any of us really understand. All we need to do is ASK, BELIEVE, and TRUST that God will answer our prayers in a most amazing way, remembering that he doesn't always answer in the way we expect.

So, my encouragement is to believe that God hears every single one of your prayers and requests. And he has the power to give an amazing response!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to put our trust in you for all that we need. We pray we can all learn to trust you, to love you, and to come to you with a genuine heart for whatever they need. Send us your Holy Spirit to help make our faith strong. Hear our prayer, Amen.