

I. Case Study: Don't Allow Offense to Stop Your Healing

Description: Has God ever offending you? How about ministers? We live in a world of offense and if we want all the Jesus has for us we must humble ourselves, overlook offense and receive the healing.

Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "**Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.**" **But He did not answer her a word.** And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "**Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.**" But He answered and said, "**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**" But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "**Lord, help me!**" And He answered and said, "**It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.**" But she said, "**Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.**" Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, **your faith is great;** it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once. - Matthew 15:21-28 NASU

1. Are you trying something you heard?

"...Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David..."

- A phrase
- Canned prayer
- Healing Confession
- Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. - Matthew 16:13-17 NASU

2. Are you easily sent away emptied handed because of empty religion?

"...But He did not answer her a word..."

- You don't hear God when you cry out to Him.
- People around you are telling you to go away because if God was going to heal you, He have already done it.
- Take your loss and shut up. Be happy with what you got.
- You are making too big of a deal over this.
- God is going to do what He is going to do.

3. Are you easily offended by the vessel God sent to heal you?

"...Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us..."

- My pastor isn't nice to me or doesn't notice me?

- b. I'm a sensitive person. My Pastor knows that.
- c. Say what? Dip in the Jordan 7 times? Really?

4. Are you more likely to bow down or bow out?

"...she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!..."

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. "And **blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.**" - Matthew 11:4-6 NASU

5. Do you have a covenant with God?

"...It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs..."

- Healing is for those who are in Christ
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. - 1 Peter 2:24 KJV

6. What is stopping you from coming to the masters table?

"...Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table..."

- a. Unworthiness? Do you feel like a dead religious dog?
- b. God is no respecter of persons
- c. God doesn't have different measures of love

"O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that **the love with which You loved Me may be in them**, and I in them." - John 17:25-26 NASU

"But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' "And he said to him, '**Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.**' - Luke 15:29-31 NASU

7. Healing Faith comes with a fight

"...your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once..."

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. - 1 Tim 6:12 NASU

- Fighting your own unworthiness.

- Fighting how to hear from God.
- Fighting the people around you who don't that faith comes with a fight.