

When People Treat You Like A Dog

Mark 7:24-30

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Is faith restricted to just the knowledgeable?

Is faith limited according to race, face or place?

- No but faith will be tested.

1. Faith must face **reality**

- a. **Her region** verse 24 - She was born in the **wrong place.**
- b. **Her Race** Verse 26 - She was born to the **wrong race.**
- c. **Her Religion** Mt 15:22 - She was born under the **wrong religion.**
- d. **Her personal rejection** Mt 15:23 - She was born **without a relationship**
- e. **Her Reality** – She was simply born **wrong**

2. Faith must be **refined** –

- a. **Lip service** is not enough
- b. **Head knowledge** is not enough
- c. Heart level **repentance** is enough

3. Faith will be **rewarded**

- a. Jesus recognizes **sincere faith** - Mt 15:22
- b. Jesus regards **direct faith** – Mt 15:25
- c. Jesus responds to **humble faith** – Mk 7:27-28 – Yes Lord!
- d. Jesus rewards **“great faith.”** Mt 15:28 ; Mk 7:29-30 Why was her faith “great”?

Are you here today and tempted to give up? Listen to Jesus.

Matt. 15:28, “*Let it be to you as you desire.*”