

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 15, 1986**

**Great Faith
Matthew 15:21-28
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Introduction:

Waiting, in the midst of waiting we can't stop praying. The most righteous of God's children are asked by Him to wait. Why? The testing of our faith (**1 Peter 1:6-7**).

To be men of faith, we must be ready to wait.

1. The most difficult response to handle is silence, being ignored. How does the Canaanite woman view herself and Jesus? She sees herself in need. She sees Jesus as "Lord," "Son of David," and the "Messiah." She asks of Jesus, but He is silent.

Jesus tests her. When He does respond, His answer simply states fact. "I was sent only to Israel" and the woman persists to plead, "Lord help me" and again Jesus responds, "It is not good to take the children's food and give it to the dogs."

This woman is holding on to the "Throne of Grace" and is not about to let go. She is not about to give up! She holds on and passes the test of waiting. She persevered to the praise and honor of Jesus and to her own blessing. Her daughter was healed of the demon.

We must continue to hold on.