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# Learnt Last Week

- Timeline
- Spiritual Desert (04-2018)
- Death, Split, Letter, Leaders
- Past Servanthood
- Church is on a up trend
- Serving = Good Times
- Many are stuck in Pain, Sin and Mediocracy
- Last Post-it

# Help the Church in 2023

- Repent/Outreach/Hospitality/Serve/Open
- 12 out of 45 Repent/Open
- 24 out of 45 Serve/Hospitality
- 18 out of 45: Outreach
- Midweek

Expect M.I.R.A.C.L.E.S

1/15/23

# Expect Miracles

- M- Magnificence of God
- I- Insistent
- R- Resistance
- A- Acknowledging where you are really at.
- C- Confess Condition
- L- Life of Appreciation
- E- Elation

A Messy Miracle!

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# You are a Dog!

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment (Mt 15:21-28)

# Begging Dog!

She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “but even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”  
(Mk 7:26-28)



## Mark 7:26-28 (GDDSV)

She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “but my daughter is allergic to Gluten and loves dogs”. This sadden the mother and she vowed never to come to this church again. (Mk 7:26-28)

# The Canaanite Canine!

- Crying out
- Confronted by Disciples
- Cries out all the more (Tears)
- Begged him
- On her knees
- Making a scene (Groveling)
- Wanted her child healed!
- Making a fool of herself!

Are You a fool for Christ

A Messy Miracle

# Are you a Fool!

We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless.

(1 Co 4:10-11)

# How do you see your Miracle?

- Jesus on a white Horse
- Red carpet (Comfort)
- Jesus lays hands on you (Spouse, Child, Friend)
- Word of Affirmation and Hope
- Jesus is dragged those who hurt you and apologize
- Wipe your tears away with his robe
- Heavens open up
- Angels Choir
- A Bright Rainbow and Euphoria

Prepare to get Dirty!

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# Resistance

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# Resistance (v22-26)

- Disciples pushed her away
- Avoidance (v23)
- Silent Treatment
- Sarcasm
- Jesus insulted you!
- Jesus is telling you that you don't deserve a miracle
- You're a Dog!



# The Woman

- Asked for Mercy
- Willing to Embarrass herself
- Emotion (Crying, begging)
- Reverence and Humility (Lord x3)
- Listened
- Sense of Humor (Alert)
- Tenacity (Persistence)
- Love for Family (Others)
- Kept the goal in mind (I will be a rat to get my blessing)
- Not about her it's about others
- Happy with Left Overs! (older)
- Knew her place (Sober)
- Great Faith

# She Understood the Greater Purpose and Power of Christ!

- Keep on feeding your children (Israel)
- I don't need a piece
- Don't even toss it (too much energy/Distraction)
- I just need a crumb!
- You have so much power, a crumb will do for me!
- Don't exert the energy, a falling crumb will do!
- Keep on your mission (Fed and preached to 4,000)

# Be a Dog!

- I am hungry (desperate)
- Willing to beg
- Desperate for others
- Understand my place (A dog)
- No meal is too small
- Willing to get under the table
- What drops on the floor is mine!
- Lick up the Crumbs

I'm A Dog!



Are you Desperate for Crumbs?

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# What are you Eating? (Sourdough)

- "Man swims in the sea of self-satisfaction, nibbles at the bait of procrastination, swallows the hook of mediocrity, and ends up in the net of failure."
- Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity but with it you can accomplish miracles."
- "It isn't evil that is ruining the earth, but mediocrity."

# Have you given up on your Miracle?

- When someone hurts you in the Church
- Christians you expected to help, didn't!
- Bad things happen to your family
- Bad things happen to you
- Love ones not responding
- It appears that Jesus is not listening
- You feel overlooked!
- You feel like a dog! (pride)

# Jesus: Who wants a Miracle!!!!





# Keep Hungry

Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled

Mt 5:6

# Keep Hungry and Humble

- Be Hungry
- Be alert (Apathy)
- Willing to be a fool
- Keep under the table
- Expect a Little Dirt with your Crumb

“God keeps open house  
for hungry sinners.”

THOMAS WATSON

# Uniqueness of this Miracle

- Demeaning Nature of the Miracle
- Great Faith
- She petition for another person
- She asked for less
- Canaanite woman (Don't need a piece of bread the crumbs will do)
- Yes, Lord (Mark 7:28)

# Canaanite Woman's Miracle

- Magnificence - Lord, Son of David, Master
- Insistence- Crying, begging,
- Resistance - Called a dog/ Don't deserve a miracle/ Disciples/ Jesus' Silence
- Acknowledge: I'm a dog
- C- Confessed: Not worthy
- L-Life of Appreciation: Daughter Healed
- E- Elation

# Jesus Knows

- Jesus hears you
- Jesus is sometimes silent
- Jesus can make it hard for you
- God has a sense of humor
- You could feel he is mocking you!
- Do you realize his power!
- God cares about your love ones too\*
- He's Looking for Faith
- Keep Hungry
- Keep on your knees and expect crumbs from heaven

# Be a Dog!

- I am hungry (desperate)
- Willing to beg
- No meal too small (Grateful)
- Gluten, Low Carb, Manna, Ezekiel Bread
- Understand my place (A dog)\*
- Willing to get under the table
- Stay on the floor (A Servant)\*
- Desperate for others
- What drops on the floor is mine!
- Lick up the Crumbs

# Miracles Come to Those...

- Who stay Hungry
- Who beg
- Who cry out
- Who overcome opposition (Inside the Church)
- Who willing to embarrass themselves
- Understand who they are (Dog or a child)
- Understand a crumb is all I need.
- Have Great Faith



If it is important to you, you will  
find a way. If not, you'll find  
excuse

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# Canines Can!

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