



## DGM Message Summary: The Mother Who Crossed the Bridge

**Message Summary:** God responds only to our faith. We must move past religious doctrine and emotional pleas and begin to exercise our faith if we want God to change circumstances in our lives.

### Scriptural References:

- Matthew 15:21-28
- Hebrews 4:15
- Psalms 138:2

### Key Points:

- A Gentile woman calls for Jesus to heal her severely demon possessed daughter.
- Jesus was so compassionate and connected with the people He prayed for and blessed.
  - It is hard to pray for people you don't identify with. If you can't feel their pain, God typically won't answer your prayer because you're not identifying with their need.
  - Jesus' healing of people came out of His willingness to connect with people.
- A mother is often only as happy as her most unhappy child.
  - Until you can pray for someone as if you were them, you're not ready to pray.
- The woman had the right doctrine and verbiage, but the wrong spirit.
  - Screaming, hollering and hype have nothing to do with faith.
  - Jesus will be as tough as He needs to be in your life.
  - Jesus wanted the woman to drop her religious ways and have a real conversation.
- The woman wasn't offended when Jesus told her His assignment was first to the Jews then the Gentiles. She didn't mind being second or third as long as God blessed her.
- When God's ways seem offensive, can you still call Him Lord?
- God used someone outside of the covenant who didn't feel entitled, to instruct us as how to get God to bless us.
- Our biggest problem in prayer is that we don't use God's Word in our prayers. We negotiate, rationalize and use clichés, but we don't use God's Word in our prayers.
- Even though Jesus reminds the woman that she is a sinner, she cites God's Word that there is no sin too great that God doesn't cover.
- Sometimes your greatness can be blocked by you taking offense.

- You will never get to greatness being easily offended.
- Jesus didn't respond to the woman's needs, but she got results because she exercised her faith.
  - Jesus allowed circumstances to occur in her life to pull that faith out of her.
- You have to tap into the kingdom and spiritual realm by faith, not emotion, not yelling, not doctrine, and not verbiage but faith.
- Only two people in the Bible were noted for having great faith, and they both were Gentiles.
- What distinguishes great faith from regular faith?
  - Great faith is not easily offended.
  - Great faith is concerned with the needs of others.
  - Great faith requires great desire.
- Because the woman was willing to persevere, trust, and humble herself, her daughter was healed that very hour.
- Faith is the bridge between where you are and where God wants you to go.
  - You have to be willing to trust God and cross the bridge.