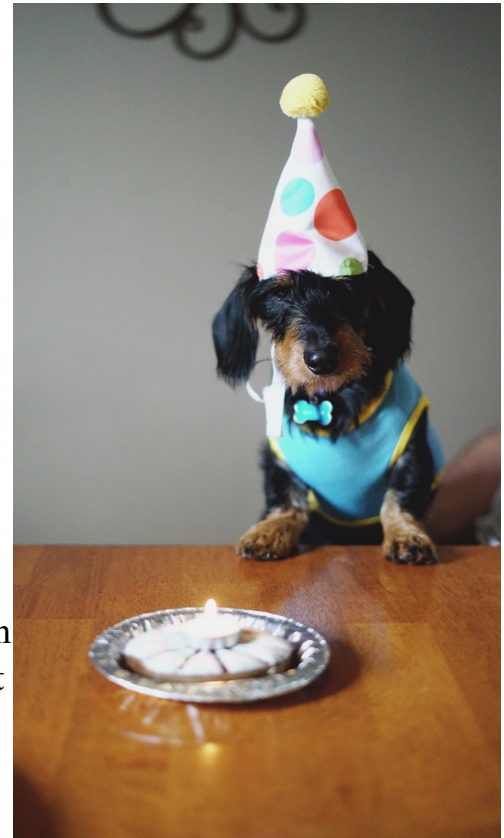


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- 1) Read Matthew 15:21-31. Is there anything from the sermon or passage that you found confusing, surprising or encouraging?
- 2) Were you offended by Jesus' words to the Canaanite woman? Why or why not?
- 3) What is Jesus saying about the way we ought to approach him in faith in imitation of this Canaanite woman? What is your response to the idea that everything we are given is because of God's mercy?
- 4) How well do you take criticism? How does great faith give you the ability to absorb criticism?
- 5) How does grace humble your superiority complex? How does the gospel heal your inferiority complex? What is Jesus teaching you and me by welcoming a Gentile woman into the kingdom?
- 6) Pray this prayer together out loud, as you celebrate God's mercy and ask for his help.



"...even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Matthew 15:27

"We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy."

~Thomas Cranmer, Book of Common Prayer