

I'M WILLING TO TAKE THE CRUMBS

Humility and faith that refuse offence create an atmosphere for limitless encounters with Jesus.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Have you noticed how increasingly easy it is for people to become offended in today's culture? A comment, a post on social media, a misunderstanding, a correction, or even the truth spoken in love can cause people to become upset, to withdraw, or to even walk away. We seem to be living in a world where offence is embraced rather than overcome.
- ❖ Offence has the capacity to harden hearts, divide relationships, and hinder faith. It can even keep us from receiving what God wants to do in our lives.
- ❖ But when a person is able to push past an offence, whether perceived or real, an incredible thing happens: they are ushered into supernatural encounters with Jesus that can have both multigenerational and multicultural implications.
- ❖ Recorded in the Gospel of Matthew are various encounters Jesus had with non-Jewish believers, with one such instance involving a Canaanite woman (see Matt. 15:21-28).
- ❖ The account of this same story, as told in Mark 7:24-25, lets the reader know that the moment this woman heard about Jesus, she came to Him for help. This indicates that faith led the Canaanite woman to seek Jesus.
- ❖ Faith must be at the core of our engagement with Jesus, both in accepting God's existence and in believing that He "rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).
- ❖ There may be times in our Christian journey when we need to navigate offences according to the operation of our faith.
- ❖ The Cambridge Dictionary defines 'offence' as being "upset and hurt or [having] annoyed feelings, often because someone has been rude or shown no respect."
- ❖ Offence can be an obstacle to the fulfillment of God's purpose in our lives. An example of this happening can be found in Mark 6:1-6, when Jesus went to His hometown and taught in the synagogue. Those who heard Him took **offence** at the words He spoke (v. 3), and because of their unbelief, He was unable to do any miracles in His hometown except heal a few sick people.
- ❖ Do we have the capacity to live by faith in Jesus when we encounter offence, whether perceived or real?
- ❖ Offences can come at any time. As Christians, we may encounter them when:
 - We feel unrecognized after serving consistently in ministry;
 - We receive correction from Pastor or from a spiritual leader;
 - The church doesn't meet certain expectations;
 - We feel we received a lack of care during a difficult season;
 - There is tension with other members of the congregation; or
 - We feel isolated inside the church.
- ❖ We may also experience offences in our daily life, when:
 - Our prayers appear to be delayed or unanswered;
 - We encounter hardships, sickness, disappointments or loss despite our devotion to Jesus;
 - We see people prosper materially through dishonest means;
 - We feel rejected by others because of our faith in Jesus; or
 - When God answers prayer in a way we never expected.
- ❖ In Matthew 15, the Canaanite woman had an urgent need because her daughter was demon possessed and suffering terribly.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:21-28
(all scriptures are NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ When she heard about Jesus, she cried out desperately to Him for help (v. 22). And Jesus never answered her (v. 23). Despite that, the woman's humility and faith refused to be deterred by the perceived **offence of not being answered**.
- ❖ To complicate an already tense situation, Jesus' disciples advised Him to send her away (v. 23). To which He replied, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" (v. 24).
- ❖ After hearing that, how many of us would have given up right then and there? But the Canaanite woman's humility and faith refused to be deterred by the perceived **offence of being denied help**.
- ❖ Then, to this desperate woman begging for help, Jesus says the following: "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs" (v. 26).
- ❖ Now how many of us would have been offended by His words? But the Canaanite woman's humility and faith also refused to be deterred by the perceived **offence of being called a dog**. She even went as far to say to Him in her reply, "Yes it is, Lord, [but] even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."
- ❖ In other words, she was saying, **'I'm willing to take the crumbs!'**
- ❖ The woman's willingness to believe in Jesus despite perceived offence resulted in Jesus' amazement at her level of faith in Him.
- ❖ The Canaanite woman's willingness to take the crumbs and accept whatever miracle she could get from Jesus had multigenerational impact on her daughter's life—and possibly the lives of her friends—after the power of God impacted their lives.
- ❖ Her encounter with Jesus also had multicultural implications in solidifying the reality that Jesus' ministry was open to all nations willing to express faith in Him.
- ❖ Humility and faith that refuse offence can create an atmosphere for limitless encounters with Jesus.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Refer back to the definition of 'offence' in the text. Looking at examples from 2 Kings 5:1-14, Luke 10:38-41, and Mark 6:1-6, discuss the following:
 - What was occurring in each situation;
 - The offence itself in respect to how the individual(s) in the text felt offended and their reaction; and
 - How the perceived offence caused them to either miss—or almost miss—out on a blessing from God.
2. Jesus said in Luke 17:2, "Offences will come" (KJV). What does this mean to you, and what can we do when facing such situations? Support your response with Scripture.

PRAYER TIME

Lord, Your Word says that "offences will come," but help me to be humble and to have faith in You.

Start-up: Is there a certain food you like that you don't even leave behind a crumb on your plate? What is it and do you eat it often?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

- ✓ (Reminds me/Confirms)
- 💡 (New idea)
- 🗨️ (Think about)
- 👉 (Do this)
- ❤️ (Speaks to my heart)
- 🔄 (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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PRAYER FOCUS: Revelation of the divinity of Jesus Christ to religious non-Christians.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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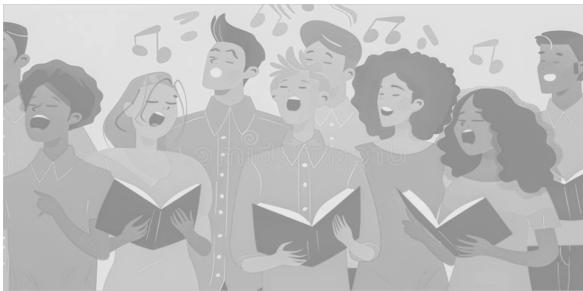
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Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

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Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NIV)

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