

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

Faith in Affliction

Matthew 15:21-31

September 27, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
Matthew 15:21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. [22] And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." [23] But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." [24] He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [25] But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." [26] And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." [27] She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." [28] Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. [29] Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. [30] And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, [31] so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.	<i>When trials drive us to Christ, we discover that His mercy is greater than our need.</i> I. Come to Christ with your need. (21-22) II. Cling to Christ when you don't understand. (23-25) III. Trust the abundance of Christ's mercy. (26-31) Memory verses for 2026- Ephesians 4:1-3 [1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
1. The Canaanite woman came to Jesus out of deep desperation. How has God used hardship, disappointment, or suffering to draw you closer to Christ?	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. Jesus initially seemed silent and even discouraging, yet the woman persisted. What can her example teach us about continuing to pray when God seems silent or His answer is delayed?	
3. The woman humbly accepted her unworthiness and appealed entirely to Christ's mercy. What keeps us from approaching Jesus with that same humility and dependence?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
4. This woman pleaded with Jesus on behalf of her daughter. Who in your life—especially an unbelieving friend or family member—do you need to persistently bring before Christ in prayer?	HFG Notes & Actions:
5. By the end of the passage, Gentile crowds are glorifying “the God of Israel.” How should Christ's mercy toward the nations shape the way we view and engage people who seem far from God?	Next HFG meeting is: