**WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!**

Matthew 15:1-28

Key verse 28 “Then Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed at that moment.”

1. Who criticized Jesus’ disciples and why (1-2)? What did Jesus rebuke them for (3)? What example did he give (4-6)? What is more important than keeping tradition?

2. What did Jesus’ quote from Isaiah expose about the Pharisees (7-9)? How does Jesus answer their accusation and explain what makes people unclean? (10-11, 17-20)

3. Who came to Jesus and what does her cry reveal about her? (22) How would the Jews regard her? Why did the woman refuse to accept Jesus’ seeming refusal? (24-25)

4. What wise and humble response did she give to Jesus’ remark? (27) How and why did Jesus recognize and bless her? (28)

5. How does this woman’s words and heart contrast with the Pharisees? Why is God more concerned about the inner life than about outward appearance and traditions?