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# **Matthew 14: 21-28 New International Version (NIV)**

### The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

**21**Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22**A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

**23**Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

**24**He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

**25**The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

**26**He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

**27**“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

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

**OPEN:**

1. For what would you walk 100 miles?

**DIG:**

1. How would Jesus’ accusers in 15:1 have viewed his going to this area??
2. How does Jesus’ teaching in 15: 1-20 relate to this 100 mile trip?
3. What do we learn about the woman?
   1. About Jesus?
   2. What’s the intent of his word play?

**REFLECT:**

1. When you deal with needy people or “outsiders”, are you more like the disciples or Jesus? Why?
2. Jesus walks 100 miles to heal this person. How has God done that in your life?