

Date: August 23, 2020

Lesson 9: "GREAT FAITH"

Focal Passage: Matthew 15:21-28

Background Passage: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

Purpose Statement: "To discover how faith can be found in one who is not part of the community"

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Does it ever seem to you that, at times, God does not hear your prayers? What do you do about it?**
- 2. What are the things that hinder you in your quest to know Christ?**
- 3. How has your faith in God enabled you to weather the storms of life? What can you do to increase your faith in God?**

Conclusion:

The object of our faith always makes a difference. Who and what we put our trust in determines the result we receive? Furthermore, who and what we choose to trust also determines the extent and level of the blessings we receive. If we put our trust in ourselves or the best of human ingenuity, we only reap the benefits of trusting in these sources. This is not always bad. The point is, however, that if we put our faith and trust in God, we reap the blessings and benefits we find only in a relationship with God.

Trust God when it is hard to trust. Remember that God cares enough to stop and commune with you. The Lord will speak to your deepest

need. Our faith in God assures us that in spite of how things might appear, our future is always hopeful when we stand on heaven's eternal promises.

Prayer:

Merciful God, in the cry of the songwriter, we pray, "My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine," In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Reference:

Adult Bible Studies, Community Summer 2020, pp 119-127