

**Great Faith**  
**Matthew 15:21-28**

**Introduction:** *Only two times in Jesus' ministry did he use the term "\_\_\_\_\_ faith."*

A. *The term "Canaanite" was used to describe, to put it bluntly, a local pagan — in other words, a \_\_\_\_\_.*

**I. This woman from a pagan land had a daughter; and apparently, her daughter became possessed by a \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. *Demon possession can cause great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.*

B. *Jesus' reaction to this woman seems completely out of \_\_\_\_\_ for him.*

1. *He \_\_\_\_\_ her, but she kept asking.*

C. *When we look at both instances in which Jesus told someone they had great faith, we see some \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Both asked in spite of the fact that they had no "\_\_\_\_\_ " to ask.*

2. *They both believed firmly in his \_\_\_\_\_.*

3. *They each crossed a huge \_\_\_\_\_ boundary in seeking his help.*

4. *Both were motivated by compassion for \_\_\_\_\_.*

5. *Both had a \_\_\_\_\_ basis for their faith.*

**II. Great faith and \_\_\_\_\_ faith are synonymous, and persistent faith is demonstrated by persistent \_\_\_\_\_.**

**III. Keep asking, even when God seems \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. *Prayer works best when it is our \_\_\_\_\_ plan, not when it is just \_\_\_\_\_ plan among \_\_\_\_\_.*

**IV. Keep asking, even when others try to \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

A. *Notice the disciples didn't \_\_\_\_\_ for her.*

1. *She was bold but notice that she wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. *She ignored the detractors and kept her \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.*

B. *Nor did she allow herself to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the things he said.*

**V. Keep asking, even though you're unworthy.**

A. *He didn't say this to drive her away, he said it to \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *Her answer demonstrates a complete absence of pride, self-reliance and \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. *And her answer demonstrates total \_\_\_\_\_ upon God.*

B. *People with great faith don't base it on their own \_\_\_\_\_, they base it on God's \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ blocks the door to God's blessing in your life; \_\_\_\_\_ opens it.