

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE
SERMON OUTLINE
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“AN AMAZING MOTHER OF FAITH”

Matthew 15:21-28

While we are to honor our mothers each day of our lives, we do want to take a moment and **wish everyone a Happy Mother’s Day**. Yet, this can be a very bittersweet day for so many reasons. President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as a national holiday to honor mothers. So, may we invoke the LORD’s blessing on all our wonderful mothers this morning with the words of **Numbers 6:24-26**

HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN A PERSON WHO’S CHARACTER COULD BE SUMMED UP IN 4 WORDS?

In **verse 28** of our Scripture passage we read “*great is your faith.*” Yet we don’t even know her name! But here is an unnamed, but “**An Amazing Mother of Faith.**”

This morning I want to share with you from this passage of Scripture “**Five Characteristics**” of this Amazing Mother of Faith. But before I share these “**Five Characteristics**” let me give you some very important observations about this amazing mother.

- 1. By Faith She Overcame Great Barriers: She was a woman and She was a Gentile**
- 2. By Faith She Persisted Vs.25-27**
- 3. By Faith She Worshiped V-25**

That brings us to the first of five characteristics of **An Amazing Mother of Faith** we learn from this woman. And, although it is not mentioned in the text-

- I. SHE WAS COMFORTING**
- II. SHE WAS CONCERNED**

She cares and wants what’s best for her daughter. A pregnant woman using drugs is not concerned for her child.

- III. SHE WAS COURAGEOUS**

It took a lot of courage to ask this Jewish teacher for help – especially when He wanted to be left alone. Like a mama bear, she was fearless.

- IV. SHE WAS COMMITTED**

She was not going to be denied. Like the persistent widow in Luke 18, this woman was steadfast in her efforts to get help for her daughter. Let’s follow the dialogue in verses 23-25.

Despite His rejection, she was committed – both to getting help for her daughter and also to Him as indicated by worshiping Him. This Gentile woman was so courageous and so committed that she was willing to go toe to toe with the master teacher.

So, we have seen her **COMFORT**, her **CONCERN**, her **COURAGE** and her **COMMITMENT**. Lastly, we see -

- V. SHE WAS COMMENDED**

It is interesting that Jesus only commends one other person for their great faith – also a Gentile – the centurion whose servant was healed in Matthew 8:5-13.

Where do you go with your problems about your children or in life? When you face life’s problems, do you lean too heavily on your spouse or a counselor instead of the Lord? Or worse yet - do you go to man’s thinking and philosophy for your answers? All these are insufficient at best and downright dangerous at worst. Come to JESUS with your problems about your children. He’s the answer in the final analysis.