

The Canaanite Woman

Matthew 1 (5:21–28)

In the season of Pentecost, the Canaanite woman becomes an example to us all about the compassionate Church we are called to be. The Canaanite woman is not preoccupied with the law, rather she lives the law and with that understanding approaches Christ in love, faith and humility. She unravels her beauty in humility, compassion and meekness. She becomes an example of faith. She kneels before Christ and begs him, not for herself, but for her daughter who needs healing.

Reflection questions for you to ponder:

Can you recall a time in your that you could identify with the compassion of the Canaanite woman?

The Canaanite woman had to overcome many hurdles to have her prayer for compassion heard by Jesus. Have you experienced any of these hurdles in your faith journey?

How can I be more compassionate like the Canaanite woman? What would I need to change to be like her?

Is the story of the Canaanite woman relevant in our world today or are we like the Pharisees keep the rules and demand they are not broken?