

## Women's History Month

The Power of "ALL" | March 27<sup>th</sup>

### Matthew 15:21-28: The Canaanite Woman's Faith

**21** Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. **22** Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." **23** But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." **24** He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." **25** But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." **26** He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." **27** She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." **28** Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### The History of "ALL"

- Healthy human beings will \_\_\_\_\_ in stages. (self-care, group care, "Universal Care")
- The Jewish people were once in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is patiently moving humankind \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Isaiah 56:1; 6-7, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)
- The Canaanite Woman makes history by \_\_\_\_\_  
to "ALL."

### Our Part in the Story of "ALL"

#### The Disciples:

They rush to \_\_\_\_\_ the woman.

They are worried about the Cross; and they need to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Jesus:

At first, he \_\_\_\_\_ her appeal.

But he is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Woman:

She is an \_\_\_\_\_.

Her \_\_\_\_\_ summon others to new growth in  
their faith.

## What is God inviting me into today?

1. Pay attention to my negative emotions, which may signal resistance to God's vision.
2. Be willing to change my mind and grow.
3. Interrupt power with courage and creativity.

## Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection:

1. In what ways have you experienced persecution or exclusion because of some aspect of your identity or life situation?
2. Describe a situation when your accelerating, negative emotions caused you to dismiss someone who is outside your group?
3. When have you changed your mind about something large and consequential? What benefit did this change create for you and others?
4. Describe a time you started to interrupt power and gave up too soon.
5. When have you exercised (or witnessed) courage and creativity tearing down walls so that more people can be included in God's family?