

Christ Crumbs

I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2 Thrive:
- B. Children at Risk: Today 3-5pm. We'll be talking about a few *future projects* with Safehouse & Rancho Damacitas. And *Chris lick* (Police Officer from Escondido) will be sharing about his trip regarding HT in *Thailand & Cambodia* with Destiny Rescue.
- C. Women's Ministry Mtg: This Tues Mercy Rm 7pm. *Plan Womens Xmas Celebration.*
- D. Joe Dallas next 2 weeks. Topics. HS & Jr High in.
- E. From Larry & Shane in Sittwe, Myanmar (Rohingyas) - *It's Sunday here we will do two food distributions today. No rain so far that makes it really hot but easier to get around.*

II. Slide3 Intro: Christ Crumbs

- A. Slide4 Watch this *short video* of *Heather Dorniden* of the University of Minnesota as she races the 600m at the Big 10 Indoor Track Championships 2014.
 - 1. We love stories of those who *persevered*. Let's meet *another women* who didn't give up, wouldn't give up, & was rewarded for it.
- B. Slide5 The *brightest* jewels are found in the *darkest* places.
 - 1. This is the only occasion where Jesus ventures *beyond* the border of Israel.

III. Slide6 PUPPY CHOW (21-28) read

- A. Slide7 Tyre & Sidon – In the region of Phoenicia. Modern Lebanon.
 - 1. They were 2 coastal towns on the Med. (30/40 N. of Capernaum)
 - 2. They were the descendants of the Canaanites (who no longer existed as a distinct people), so it's Gentile Country. [notice a clockwise circle]
- B. Picture this women as *a the bright jewel* found in a dark place.
- C. Slide8a FAITH SPEAKS (22-24)
- D. Does this bristle you the way Jesus treats her? *Let it.* - But what 1st appears to be *rudeness*...let's remember *His delays are not His denials.*

E. **Slide8b The Silent Treatment** (23a) *But He answered her not a word.*

1. Her faith pushes on *despite* His closed ear & closed mouth.
2. Now **contrast** that w/individuals today who say, *unless I hear God I will not believe.*
3. She shows incredible *Job like faith*, which *didn't* just say, *though he smite me...but instead, though He **slay** me...yet will I trust him.*

F. **Slide8c The Snubbing Treatment** (23) *Send her away, for she cries out after us.*

1. Her noise annoyed them.
2. *She had many strikes against her:* [1] her **nationality** was against her [2] she was a **woman** in a male dominated world [3] **Satan** was against her (1 of his demons took control of his daughter) [4] the **disciples** were against her [5] and for a time it even *looked like Jesus* was against her.
 - a) **Great Persistence:** *What if Joshua gave up on his 6th lap? What if **Namaan** didn't go down on his 7th dip? What if **the man** at night needing bread stopped knocking? What if **the woman** quit pestering the unjust judge?*
 - b) **Slide8d** Someone said, *Triumph is just umph added to try!*
3. **Samuel Rutherford** (the saintly Scottish minister) who suffered greatly for Christ, once wrote to a friend, *It is **faith's** work to **claim and challenge loving-kindness out of all the roughest strokes of God.***
 - a) And that's what this woman did.
4. *Send her away, for she cries out after us...really?...us?*
 - a) No she never cried after **them**...only after **her Master**.
5. *Men shouldn't treat a lady this way. Disciples shouldn't treat a seeker this way. Christians shouldn't treat anybody this way.*
6. They tried to chase away this **she-dog** with rocks & sticks, *but* she wouldn't leave.

G. **Slide8e The Select Treatment** (24) *I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Is.*

1. This must have felt like *an elephant* sitting on her heart.

- a) She could have said, *well then, He is not here for me. Nope.*
- b) *Then she came & worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me.* (25)
- c) Press through all obstacles & throw yourself a His feet. Knowing that, *the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.*
- d) *Slide9 Jesus was creating an opportunity for the complete activity of her faith.*

H. *Slide10a* FAITH ACKNOWLEDGES (25-27)

I. (27) *Yes, Lord.*

1. She doesn't dispute that **Gentiles** were to Israel as **dogs** but says, *Yes, Lord.*
 - a) But she wasn't coming to him on the goodness of her cause, but on the Goodness of **His heart**. *Not on* how she presented her plea, *but instead on* the excellence of **His power**.
2. *Slide10b* It is our task to simply be **empty**...so He can **fill** us.
It is our task to **confess our filthiness**...so He can **wash** us.
It is our task to be **less than nothing**...so He can be **more than everything** to us
3. You're a **dog** – *Yes Lord, but I will wag my tail, fetch, sit up, even beg for my Master.*
4. You're a **sheep** – *Yes, Lord, but sheep need a shepherd.*

J. *Slide11* FAITH AGREES

K. Faith Pleads but never Disputes.

1. **Note:** she never says, **but** or **if**, not even **yet** (27 not in orig.)
2. Faith in God implies **agreement** with what God says.
 - a) You are comparable to a little dog. *Truth Lord.*
 - b) I can't feed the little dogs before the children. *Truth, Lord, that wouldn't be right.*
 - c) It's not your time yet. *Yes, Lord, Ist the children at meal time, ...but the dogs right after dinner right? :)*
3. **God's Word** is sometimes like a **salve** to a **wound**; and other times a **knife** that **cuts**, or a **sword** that **slays!** – Don't fight against it – Say, *Truth Lord!*

L. **Slide12a FAITH ARGUES** (not argumentative)

M. Her arguments were *correct, strictly logical, & thorough*.

1. The best way to **reason** with a man **is** to take His own statements and argue upon them.
2. She was bold like **Jacob** *wrestling* with the angel, who even *overcame* the angel. The angel said, *Let Me go, for the day breaks*. But Jacob said, *I will not let You go unless You bless me!*

N. **Slide12b Position** (27a)

1. Yes, *dog I am*, **but** you have come all the way here to Sidon.
 - a) I am **not** like the *scavenger dog* out in the street; I am a *little puppy* under your table awaiting some *Christ-Crumbs!*

O. **Slide12c Relationship** (27b)

1. **Their masters table** -
 - a) She could not call him **Father**. She could not **claim the privilege of a child**. But she could call Him **Master**. And Masters feed their dogs (at least crumbs).
 - b) The woman, being a **Gentile**, had *no covenant right* to come to Jesus and call Him **Son of David** (22); **but** she could call Him **Lord** and have her prayer answered.
 - (1) **Jesus was not rude to her**; He was only **testing & strengthening her faith**
2. Like the **prodigal** that came back content with just being one of his fathers **hired servants**.
 - a) She spied out a dog's relation to his master & made the most of it.
 - b) She is *the only one we know of* that ever answered Jesus' **mini-parables** back with a mini-parable.

P. **Slide12d Children** (26)

1. In the East, as a rule, a dog is not allowed indoors. **They are foul creatures that roam about uncared for & half wild** (Kosovo 2011/190 dogs).
2. **Adults** wouldn't associate with them, **but children** knew nothing of this.
 - a) They would take them to join in with them in their sports, games, & ultimately be invited under the table. (excellent for getting rid of your Brussels Sprouts)
 - b) **So for the kids sake**, they often were allowed under the table.

Q. **Slide12e Consent** (27b)

1. It is sure to get a crumb from one of its playmates.
2. **The children (Israel) have a full portion in You!** (in Your presence; Your Word; they sit at your feet; have obtained all sorts of spiritual blessings.)
 - a) I'm sure they can't begrudge my daughter to be free from this demon; For that would only be **a crumb** compared to all they have been blessed with.

R. **Slide12f Abundance** (27b)

1. We're not talking *a poor man's table* who can't afford to lose a crumb; **but a Kings' table** where much is not even accounted for.
2. **If a man gives a dog a crumb he has none the less; If Jesus gives mercy to the greatest of sinners He has none the less.**
3. Since the beginning, it has always been God's plan that through **the children (Israel) the puppies (Gentiles)** should get the bread.
4. And **Jesus** ended up not giving her **crumbs...but the children's bread.**

S. **Slide13 FAITH WINS** (28)

T. **O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**

U. **Persistence**

1. **Not that she earned** Christ's ear or **earned** His healing power. Her *persistence* was only a demonstration that she **had faith**.

V. What a great lesson to every mother. Mother's plead for your **daughters** & for your **sons** until you hear, *O Woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.*

W. Even a mother bird afraid of human footsteps will remain upon its nest when the intruder comes. [eg. diving birds, scare you walking under tree; then u turn around & watch others freak out]

1. Parents, be encouraged to pray for your children.

X. Jesus paid *the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, spiritual freedom.*

1. **In this case**, a little girls freedom from **severe demonic powers**.
2. **In your case**, maybe today you need *His ultimate sacrifice for freedom* for your **sins**.

IV. **Slide14 HEALING MULTITUDE (29-31)**

- A. (29) **This was in the Decapolis.** [10 cities that were authorized by the Romans to mint their own coins, run their own courts, & have their own armies] **Predominantly Gentile Territory**
- B. (30) He didn't go to the Gentiles **but they came to Him.** **And He in no wise casted them out.**

V. Slide15 **FEEDING 4000 (32-39)**

- A. When you were faced with a **crisis**, take time to review His past **mercies**: remind yourself that **He does not change.** Warren Wiersbe
- B. Ken Gire said, *Miracles are the common currency of heaven. The feeding of the 4000 was just a little loose change spilling from a hole in its pocket.*
1. (33) **Where? Had they forgot about the 5000? - Well, we do!** Hasn't God taken care of a bill of **\$200** for you, & yet we get anxious over the next one for **\$100?**
- C. **Isn't the bible full of contradictions? I thought it was a feeding of 5000 not 4000???**
- D. These are simply 2 different events. **I found 8 differences:**
1. **Slide16a-h** Feeding 5000 took place on the **Western** shore of Galilee;
Feeding 4000 on the **Eastern** shore.
 2. Feeding 5000 involved predominantly **Jews**;
Feeding 4000 involved predominantly **Gentiles**.
 3. Feeding 5000 involved **5 loaves & 2 fish**;
Feeding 4000 involved **7 loaves & a few fish**.
 4. Feeding 5000 the people had been w/Him **1 day**;
Feeding 4000 the people had been w/Him **3 days**.
 5. Feeding 5000 had **12 little baskets** of fragments left over; [*kophinos*; small wicker baskets]
Feeding 4000 had **7 large baskets** of fragments left over. [*spuris*; large hamper; Acts 9:25]
 6. Feeding 5000 Jesus **prayed 1 time**;
Feeding 4000 Jesus **prayed 2 times** over the bread & fish.
 7. The **amount** of the 2 **crowds** were different (5000 & 4000)
 8. **Lastly, Jesus says it was 2 different events!!!** (16:9,10)

- E. Jesus was quite the preacher to keep them listening for **3 days**. (2)
- F. **Slide17a** Why is He doing this miracle again? (4)
1. A different crowd (Gentiles). **Compassion on them.**
 2. Also, **Does yesterday's miracle necessarily guarantee today's faith? (no it doesn't)**
 3. **Slide17b/c** And as they say, **Repetition is the mother of all learning!**
- G. **So**, Why is He doing this miracle again?
1. **Slide18** He wants the disciples **and you & I** to understand...He is the Bread of Life
 - a) Jn.6:48-51 **Yes, I am the bread of life! Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.**
 - b) **Slide19** Jesus' credentials: *It explains My Fathers prophesy* to Moses in Ex.16:4 *Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you* (manna/Jesus).
It explains My birthplace, Bethlehem, the city of Bread. *It explains My person, I am the bread of life; It explains My power*, the miraculous multiplication shouted omnipotence. *It explains My suffering, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.*
 2. He wants the disciples **and you & I** to understand...He was not just the Bread for the **Jews**, but also for the **Gentiles**.
 3. He wants the disciples **and you & I** to understand...His supply always meets and exceeds the demand.
 - a) **Our souls**, so to speak, are *elastic*. The more we **eat** the more they **expand**. The more they **expand**, the more we are able to **eat**.¹ [stretchy pants / stretchy souls!]
 - b) Christ did not break the bread, so that suddenly there were **huge piles** of bread and fish. **Rather**, He **kept breaking it** & handing out what was needed **bit by bit**.
 - (1) We need to be **constantly** bringing our needs to Jesus, **and** He will constantly *break the bread* **and** give us what we **need**.
 - (2) Whatever God has given us, there is still far more for Him to give us.

¹ Kent Hughes, Mark, pg.188.