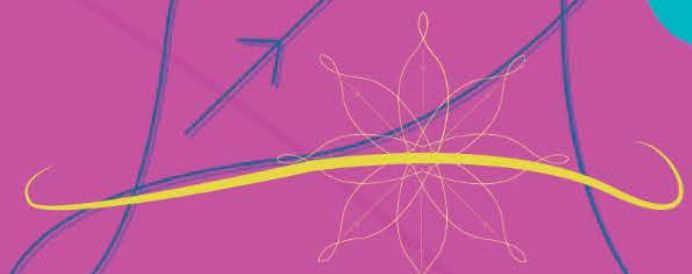
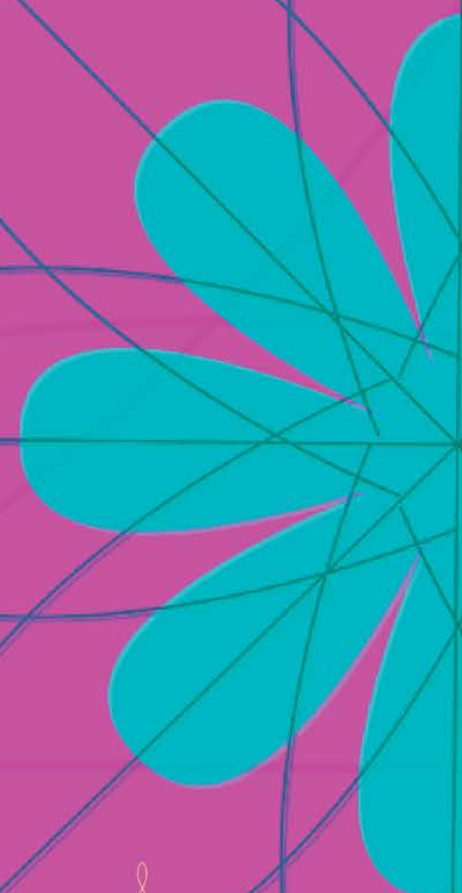


MOTHER'S DAY



**Love that Overcomes
Obstacles**

Matthew 15:21 - 28







- Life was not going the way this mom expected.

- A. She came out “crying” v 22.

- B. She was alone.

- Daughter not with her.
- Father/husband not with her.
- No other relative with her.

- C. “severely oppressed by a demon...” v 22

- No physical illness mentioned.
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1. She did not let her hopelessness keep her from stepping.

A. Messages from her world:

1. She was a Gentile (Arab; Syrophonecian).
2. She was a woman. John 4:27
3. She was at the “back of the line.” (Matt 15:23)

B. Messages in her own head:


1. It is hopeless. No one can help me.
2. Is God punishing me? This must be my fault. Matt 15:23

2. She brought herself to Jesus, first.

- Matt. 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." (ESV)
- Matt. 15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." (ESV)



3. Having come herself, she “brought” her daughter with her.

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4. There may be times when Jesus' "silence" is deafening. Don't lose hope. Keep believing.

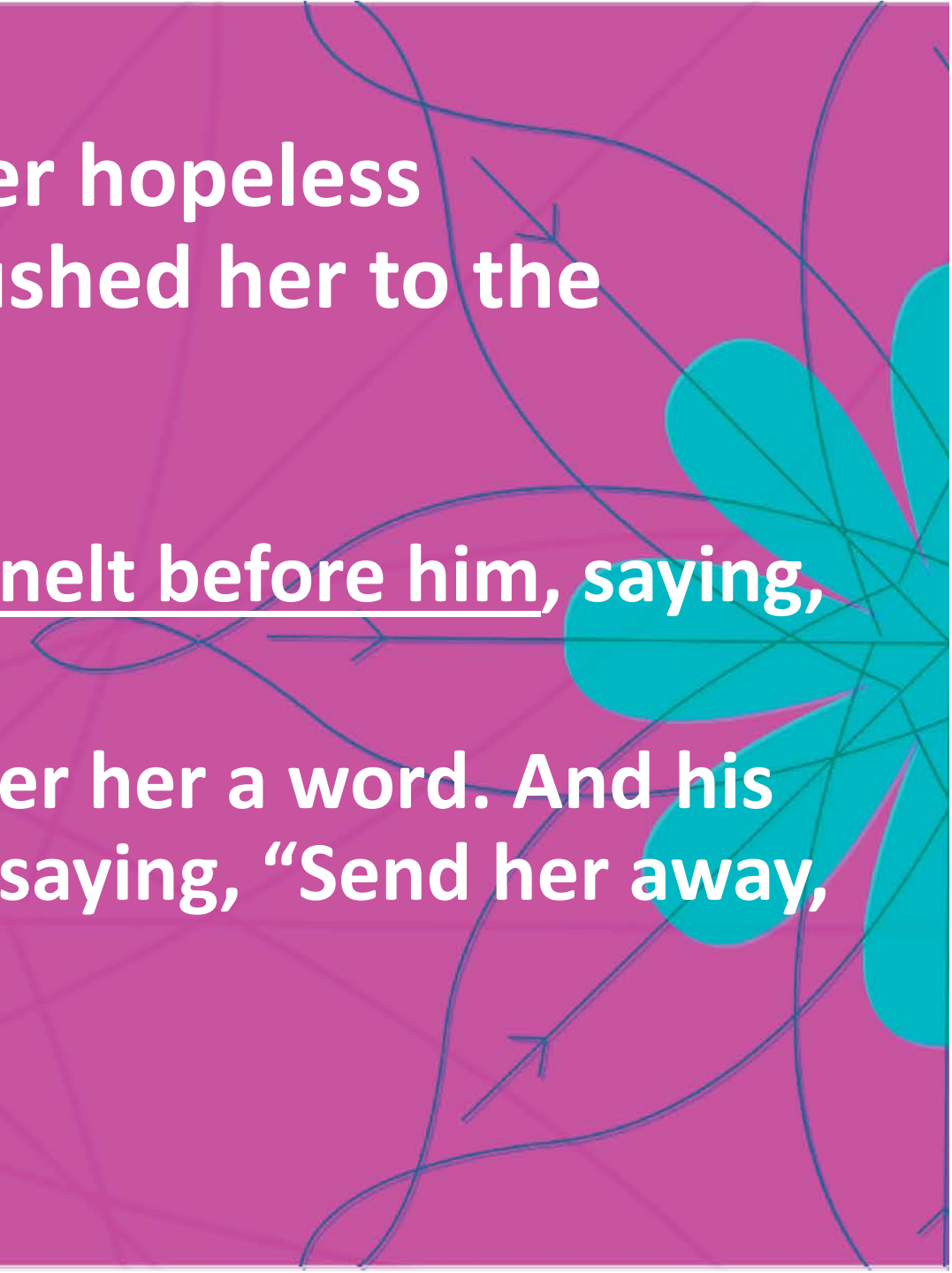
- **Matt 15:23 But he did not answer her a word.**
And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

- **Matt. 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."**

- **John 1:11, Isaiah 53:3, Mat 21:38, Acts 13:46**



4. She refused to give in to her hopeless circumstances. Her love pushed her to the “front.”

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 - Matt 15:23, but he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”
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Next Steps

1. Will you come to Jesus, first, this morning?
2. What or whom will you lay at his feet in the same way that the mother of Canaan laid her daughter?