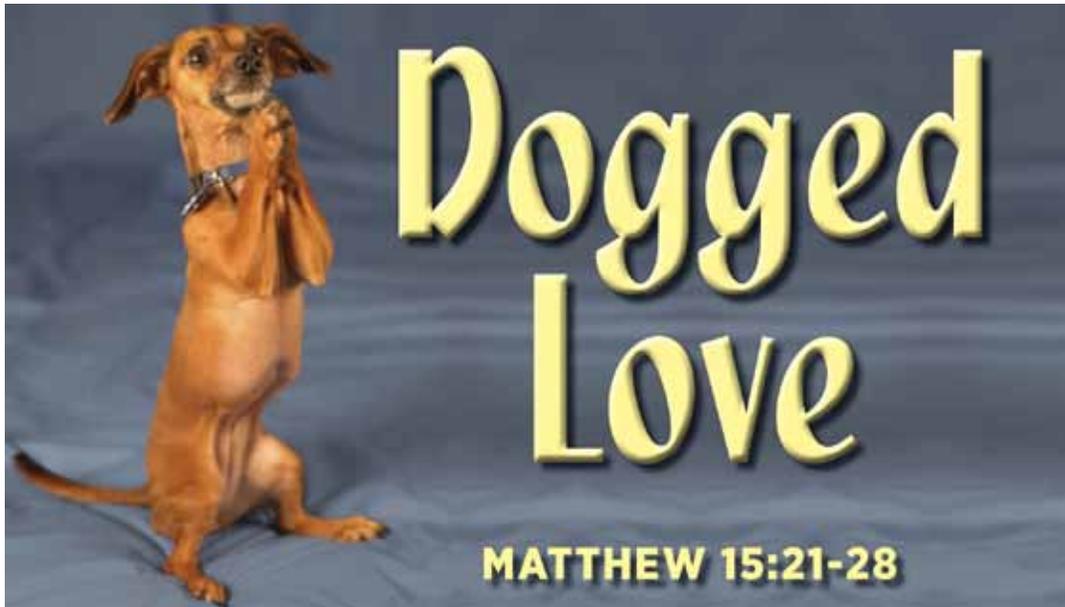


“Dogged Love”

Matthew 15:21-28



INTRODUCTION:

The importance of a second language & the definition of “dogged”

I. THE CANAANITE WOMAN’S DOGGED LOVE

- A. She loved in reverence (vv. 21-22)
- B. She loved in agony (v.22)
- C. She loved her daughter (vv. 23-25)
- D. She loved in humility (vv. 25-26)
- E. She loved with a quick wit (vv. 26-27)
- F. She loved with faith (v. 27)
+ *the prayer meeting without umbrellas*
- G. She loved with perseverance (v.27)
+ *a room for the Queen*

II. JESUS’ DOGGED LOVE FOR THE WOMAN & FOR US

- A. Remember the definition of “dogged”
- B. Jesus makes the first move (v. 21; Luke 15:20; Romans 5:6, etc.!)
- C. Jesus’ silence is not a refusal (vv. 22-23)
- D. Jesus’ delays can strengthen our faith (vv. 24-27)
+ this “holy delay” is not unique to this Canaanite woman
 - Abraham & Sarah waited for the promise of a son (Genesis 21)
 - King David waited when God was silent (Psalm 22:2)
 - When Jesus delayed his arrival Lazarus died but was later raised (John 11)
 - Paul says that as Abraham waited, “*he grew strong through faith*” (Romans 4:20)
- E. What important thing might God be doing in your life as you wait upon Him?
- F. Jesus’ love is greater than we can ever imagine (v. 28)
- G. Jesus’ dogged love for her & her dogged faith in Him made all the difference.
- H. And it remains true, He answers ALL His children’s prayers,
either – + *yes*, + *no*, or + *not yet*

CONCLUSION: *I knew the Psalm; he knew the Shepherd.*