

A Bold Request

Mark 7.24-30

1. A Seaside Retreat, vs 24-26

- *time out? – try again! 6.31*
third time lucky? 6.33,54
a right rhythm for life
- *busted! v24*
no secrets with Jesus about 3.8
- *a desperate woman vs 25-26*
 - *a non-Jew*
 - *a spirit-possessed daughter*
9.17-22
 - *she begged for help**desperate parents*
concerned for their children
can turn to Jesus for help

2. A Testing Reply, v27

- *initial silence Mat 15.23*
a nuisance to be dismissed?

- **a harsh description? dog, not child**
- **three possible explanations**
it's how you say it
“puppy” = pet, not street dog
Jesus' priority - Jews first
Mat 15.24
- **grounds for hope?**
Israel - who? Matthew 3.9;
John 8.33-42; 4.23
a puppy is an insider!
“first” – so, who's next?

3. A Shrewd Response, v28

- **them first, me second!**
not either/or, but both/and

4. A Great Reward, vs29-30

- **for great faith Mat 15.28**
Jesus was ‘Lord’ for her v28
Jesus is for everyone John 6.37;
Acts 10.34-35; Rom 10.12-13
Jesus sometimes tests us