

## Conversations with Jesus (4): The School of Faith

Matthew 15:21-28

I. The Test of a Hopeless Situation (vv.21-22)

- A. Faith almost always starts with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The life of faith is inherently a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

II. The Test of First Impressions (vv.23-24)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God should never be interpreted as \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11:6).
- B. Christ's followers are often \_\_\_\_\_ than Christ (Mark 6:36; 10:13-14).

III. The Test of Perseverance (vv.25-28)

- A. Prayer is NOT to change \_\_\_\_\_, but to allow us to see \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:22; Romans 1:16).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_, coupled with \_\_\_\_\_, is pleasing to God and invokes His favor (1 Peter 5:5-6).

*"Faith is like a muscle which grows stronger and stronger with use, rather than rubber, which weakens when it is stretched." ~ J.O.Fraser*

*Answers: crisis, risk, silence, indifference, less compassionate, God's mind, God's heart, Humility, faith*