

Wait For It

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Mark 7:21-30 - ²⁴From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre ^[a]and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a ^[b]Greek, a ^[c]Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept ^[d]asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.” ²⁸And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” ³⁰And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

I took my girls to the zoo this past week. One of the things I noticed was the feeding stations all around the zoo where you could purchase a handful of food for .25¢ to feed the fish. At almost every food machine, there were birds and ducks standing around. There were also signs that read “Please don’t feed the ducks.”

I just remember thinking what an odd thing to post because they obviously know there is food available! When I was thinking about what to write for the weekend devotion, I was reminded about the zoo.

We had been walking for a while and I saw a shady spot to sit down for a minute and there was the feeding machine and the sign. There was also a duck & a few Florida scavenger birds standing around. I gave the girls a quarter and one of our friends with us gave her son a quarter as well and I remember her son going over to the water to feed the fish. Well, guess what? The duck followed him and when the duck realized he wasn’t going to feed it, it got in the water and started to eat the food that he was throwing to the fish!

So I said to him, “throw the food further out and then throw it really quick close to you” and you know sure enough that duck made a B-line for that food and got it each time. I told him I was sorry – that he tried and threw the food very well – but that duck was too fast and knew the ropes to well. In other words, this duck knew that if he waited for the right moment, he would be fed, if when the opportunity presented itself, all he had to do was try and he would get something to eat. He also knew that if he stayed in the spot long enough, he would not starve.

Matthew 6:25-34 - ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

I was reminded tonight that the Lords timing is perfect. I was also reminded that He cares for the big things and the little things in our lives. As well... I was reminded that He rewards us when we reach out to Him in faith. Wait for it! Know that it's coming – whatever your need, Lord knows I'm in need!! He is the God of the impossible... remind each other that today – that the God we serve is the God of the impossible and know that He will make a way – He will bring the harvest, He will bring the blessing, He will make it good. It might not always come when we want it to, it might not always happen the way we think it should but when it happens... it's what we need and it's what we can handle.

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