

**Three Examples of Desperate Faith  
That Lead to Miracles  
(Series Part 4)**

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**Big Question: How Desperate is Your Faith**

**Statement: The bigger your challenge, the more desperate your faith can become.**

**1. A Desperate Mother Concerned About her Daughter (She is **Humble and Persistent**)**

**Text Matthew 15:21–28 (NIV):**

- 21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! **My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.**”
- 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered, **“I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”**
- 25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.
- 26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.”
- 27 **“Yes, Lord,” she said, “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”**
- 28 Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**2. A Father Concerned About his Son (He did not give up when the disciples failed)**

**Text Matthew 17:14–23 (NIV):**

- 14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. **16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.**”
- 17 “O unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” 18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.
- 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, **“Why couldn’t we drive it out?”**
- 20 He replied, **“Because you have so little faith.** I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

**3. Two Desperate Blind Men (They both shouted together)**

**Text Matthew 20:29–34 (NIV):**

- 29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, **Son of David, have mercy on us!**”
- 31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”
- 32 Jesus stopped and called them. **“What do you want me to do for you?”** he asked.
- 33 “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.”
- 34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.



**Conclusion:**

**Three Lessons from the Three Examples of Desperate Faith**

1. Sometimes a women must stand alone without any support for her **daughter**
2. Sometimes a man must stand alone without any support for his **son**
3. Sometimes you must find **someone with your issue to believe with you, like the blind men.**

**New Series: The Truth About Your Upcoming Seasons**

**Big Question: Will you be mature enough to manage your new seasons?**