

## 'NEW LIFE HEALING CENTRE'

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*Breaking into God's Plan  
& Purpose for your life*

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### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

'Being consistent and persistent' Are you up and down with God? One moment you rise up in faith, believing and knowing that God will change your circumstances and that nothing is too hard for Him even though you may be going through your darkest days, and then doubt flares up, God isn't interested in you, your situations get you down and you see no way through. This could be a description of you. One moment up and one moment down, sometimes in the same week, maybe even in the same day. Come with me now to hear about this Greek Gentile woman who sought Jesus to break the demonic strongholds over her daughters life and she sought Jesus to set her daughter free. When she came to Jesus, Matt.15 v 22, she called upon His mercy. "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil". This woman, a Syrophenician, acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah the Lord, having power and authority over all, for she addressed Him as 'Son of David', and what happened next, her cry was met with silence, Jesus didn't answer her, and not only this if that wasn't bad enough, the disciples didn't speak up for her either. In fact the opposite was true. Matt.15 v 23 tells us - 'But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him saying, "Send her away, for she crieth after us". Would this response fill you with enthusiasm, would you be encouraged in this situation? We need to understand what is going on. You need to understand what God is saying and doing in your life, your problems, your health. This silence by Jesus to this woman's cry was not because of His reluctance or an unwillingness to heal her daughter. Jesus was testing her faith. Listen . . . Even though Jesus did not answer her she continued to cry out and His disciples asked Jesus to send her away. Matt.15 v 24 – Jesus answered - "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel". Jesus message and ministry was to the Jews first and then it extended to the Gentiles. Remember, when Jesus had sent His disciples out into the cities to preach and heal the sick, Jesus said to them - "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Matt. 10 v 5-6.

And the Roman Centurion (a Gentile) who had come to Jesus on behalf of his servant, Jesus didn't hesitate at all but responded immediately concerning his need over his servant. Matt.8 v 7 - "I will come and heal him". But now with this Syrophenician woman, Jesus wasn't refusing to heal her daughter because she was a Gentile, He was proving HER FAITH, causing her to stand in faith in the face of discouragement and she had to press her way through to receive the miracle she sought. Today, do not be discouraged. Stop being up and down. Stand up in faith, press through your obstacles, all the way through to where your miracle is received. In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.