

Undeterred

Three ways to Develop an Undeterred Faith:

- **Choose to step over an offense.**

²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.” ²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.” Matthew 15:21-23 (NLT)

²⁴ The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged .
2 Timothy 2:24 (NASB)

¹ My child, if you have put up security for a friend's debt or agreed to guarantee the debt of a stranger— ² if you have trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said— ³ follow my advice and save yourself, for you have placed yourself at your friend's mercy. Now swallow your pride; go and beg to have your name erased. ⁴ Don't put it off; do it now! Don't rest until you do. ⁵ Save yourself like a gazelle escaping from a hunter, like a bird fleeing from a net. Proverbs 6:1-5 (NLT)

- **Press through discouragement.**

²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ Jesus responded, “It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.” Matthew 15:24-26 (NLT)

- **Prioritize the important.**

²⁷ She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat

the scraps that fall beneath their master’s table.” ²⁸ “Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

Matthew 15:27-28 (NLT)

⁵ *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.*

Psalms 16:5 (NLT)

Life Group Questions

- What is your favorite come from behind or underdog movie or story? Why?
- Those stories usually have an element of a time when people wanted to quit but didn’t. So does the story in Luke 15:21-28. Read it together out loud.
- Of the four points covered in the message what is the Holy Spirit challenging you to do?
- Pray for each other in those areas discussed.