

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20th 2017.

Theme:

Introduction

All three scripture Readings today call each one of us here to move beyond our preoccupations and prejudices .Today's Gospel is a classic example in which an unrelenting, desperate, Canaanite mother three times badgers a healing for her ill daughter from a reluctant Jesus. Jesus, (GOD) appeared not to be listening to her. Do you ever get that feeling about God.The Canaanites were traditionally foes of the Jews

BACKGROUND

Experts in spirituality tell us we don't pray to change God's mind but to grow in relationship with him and learn how to conform ourselves to God's will. Maybe the Gospel is not a miracle about healing as much as it is about boundaries and learning to be

open to the new possibilities God places in our path.

Conclusion

Whether we are learning with Jesus or challenging boundaries with the Canaanite woman the Gospel calls us to question what are often considered legitimate limitations. As individuals and as church we must become attentive to the myriad of people and events God puts in our path in hope of changing our minds.AMEN.