

## Thursday - March 2

*"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."*

*Matthew 15:27 (NIV)*

I see God every day in our dog Scooby. He was rescued from a kill shelter in Texas by the Canine Collective organization and brought to Ohio on Friday, September 13, 2019. We adopted him the next day. He loves us all very much but is especially attached to me. He follows me everywhere and always wants to protect me which can be a deafening experience in the car. I honestly feel he was a gift from God as he kept me busy during the pandemic walking miles each day enjoying all of God's creation and now he has me writing this.

In Matthew 15 Jesus goes to Canaan and meets a woman who has a sick daughter. At first he tells her that he has been sent only to rescue the lost of Israel. That his word, the bread of heaven, is not to be tossed to the little dogs aka gentiles. The woman, clearly a dog owner, reminds him that even puppies eat crumbs that fall from their masters table. Jesus gets it. She's got faith and is absolutely right and so he heals her daughter. It's a pivotal point in his ministry. He moves on to immediately feed the four thousand with just five loaves. Those crumbs were scattered thin and went far beyond the Jews. We owe that lady. She saw God in her dog too.

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**Prayer:** Jesus, help us to listen like You listen, consider and change our opinions too. Amen.