

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a green button-down shirt and blue jeans, is smiling warmly and hugging three children. The children are also smiling. They are standing in a grassy park area with large trees in the background. The lighting is soft and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The text "A Mother's Love" is written in a white, elegant cursive font at the top of the image. The text "Matthew 15:21-28" is written in the same font at the bottom of the image.

*A Mother's Love*

*Matthew 15:21-28*

# THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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# Honor Your Father and Mother

- **Exodus 20:12** - Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

# Love and Faith of a Canaanite Woman

- **Matthew 15:21-28** - And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

# A Mother's Love

1. Courage
2. Persistency
3. Humility
4. Faith

# A Mother's Courage

- **Matthew 15:22-23(a)** - And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her a word.

# A Mother's Persistency

- **Matthew 15:23(b)**-25 - And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

# Faith Requires Action – Not Giving Up

- **Matthew 7:7-11** - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

# A Mother's Humility

- **Matthew 15:26-27** - And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

# Mother's Humility

- **Ephesians 4:2** – with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love
- **Philippians 2:3** – Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- **Psalms 25:9** – He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

# A Mother's Faith

- **Matthew 15:28** - Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

# FAITH


- **Hebrews 11:1** – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- **Hebrews 11:6** – And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

# HOPE

- **Romans 8:24-25** - For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

# LOVE

- **1 Corinthians 13:13** - So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is sitting on the grass, smiling warmly. She is surrounded by three children: a young girl behind her, a boy to her left, and a boy to her right. They are all blowing on dandelions. The scene is set outdoors in a grassy field with trees in the background, bathed in soft, golden light.

**Her children rise up and call her blessed.  
Proverbs 31:28**



**He who finds a wife finds a good thing  
and obtains favor from the LORD.  
Proverbs 18:22**

**Mothers are like glue.  
Even when you do not see  
them,  
They're still holding the  
family together.  
Susan Gale**