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# Begging on Behalf of Another

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# To the Dogs?!

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“ Jesus addressed this Gentile woman with an arrangement something like this in mind. He asserted, “The children eat first,” referring to the children of Israel. He was saying: “My ministry has a priority. My ministry is to take care of the children of Israel, not to give the food that is meant for the children to the little dogs.” That was simply another way of saying that His ministry was to the people of Israel and that the outreach to the Gentiles would come later, just as a family eats at the table and the family dogs, the beloved pets, are fed afterward.



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## Just a Crumb, Lord!

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## For This Statement...of Faith

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# Matthew 15:28

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.

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One final thing: the woman's faith was great because she took Christ at his word. "Lord, if you say I am a little dog, I am. But that means I have a Master, and that is you. It means I am a humble part of the Household and that I can claim the crumbs."

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Why did Jesus follow these steps, and why did Mark record them? First, and most obvious, because of the nature of the man's handicap. Jesus thrust his fingers into the man's ears as a sign language that he was going to heal him. His action of spitting (probably on the tips of his fingers) and then wetting the man's tongue was to indicate that he would soon be articulate. Jesus looked upward to tell him from where the power was to come. His sigh, though inaudible to the man, visibly communicated to him that Jesus was moved by the man's condition, that he cared. "Ephphatha" was the first sound to penetrate the man's ears in years!

# Astonished Beyond Measure

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““ This episode is fundamentally about crossing boundaries. It challenges the reader “not to set limits on the universality of the good news of the kingdom of God.” The power of the kingdom cannot be limited to a narrow domain of Israel but will encompass all people.

# Boundary Shift

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**Law (Religion) Boundary:** Who you are, what you do

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# God's Plan of Redemption Unfolding

5 And now the Lord says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;

and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

# God's Plan of Redemption Unfolding

6 he says:

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

(Isaiah 49:5-6)

# The Gospel for Everyone

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

(Romans 1:16-17)



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# Heart of Resistance vs. Heart of Persistence

## **Dealing with difficult parts of the Bible**

*walk away, only take a cursory glance, embrace listening only to people who agree with you*

**VS.**

*Ask questions, seek answers, trust the major things you know about God while you work through it*

# Heart of Resistance vs. Heart of Persistence

## **Wrestling through seasons of suffering or waiting**

- *God can't have a bigger picture in mind*
- *God isn't good unless he gives me \_\_\_\_\_*

**VS.**

*God promises that all things work together for my good and his glory - I can choose to trust that he is doing what is best for me*

# Heart of Resistance vs. Heart of Persistence

**Choosing between obedience or our desires**

*Are God's ways even that good for him to make this big of an ask of me?*

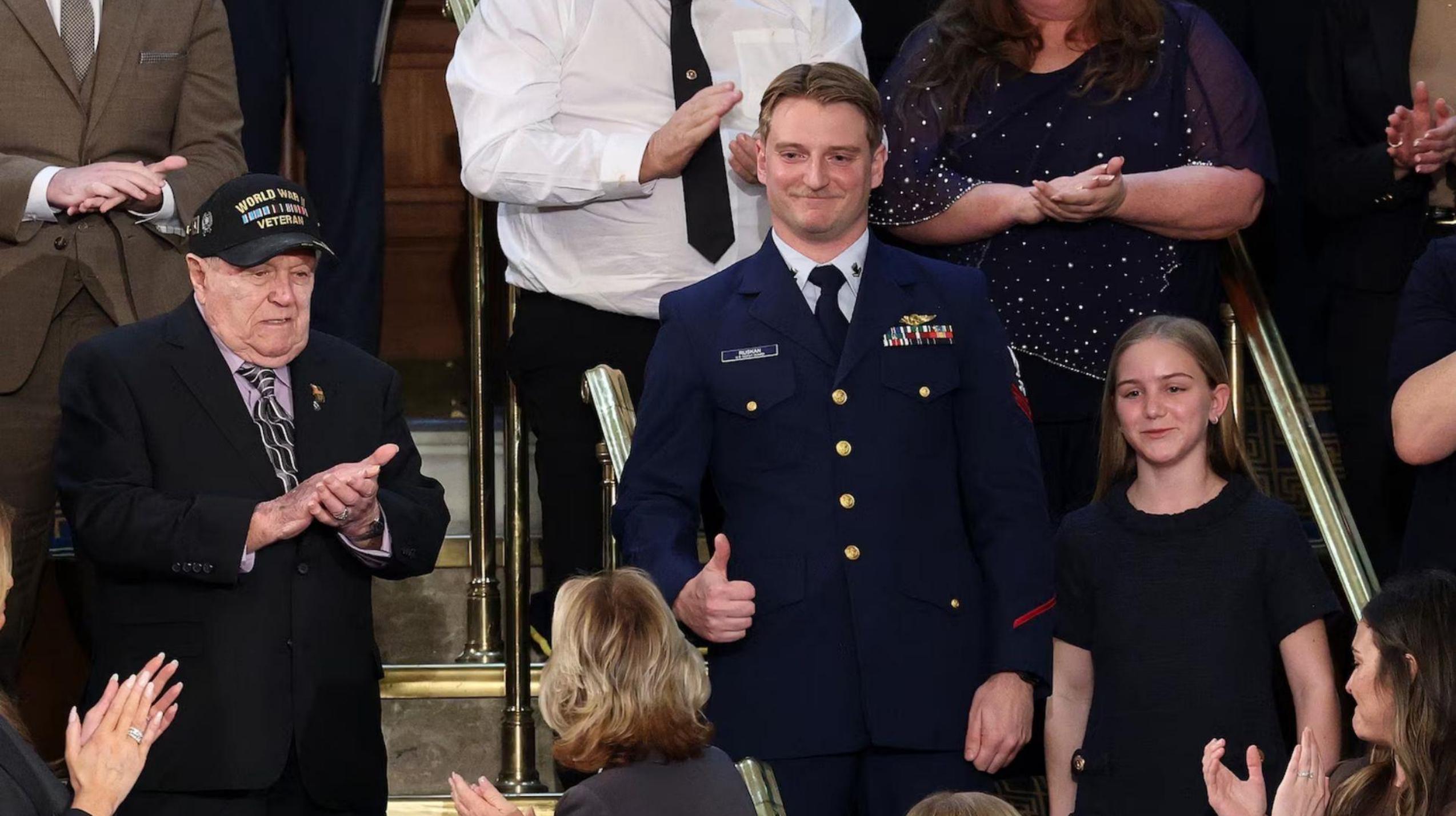
**VS.**

*Wow, God's word is calling me to something that feels incredibly difficult, but I'm choosing to pursue him in obedience and trust that his ways are better than my ways*



# Philippians 2:8-11

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



# Gospel Response

## ***Start:***

Anyone can get in on this! Come to Jesus Christ today in humility and trust and receive his righteousness.

## ***Strengthen:***

Trust Jesus with a heart of persistence, even for just a crumb. He will provide the grace you need.