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**She begged Jesus to drive the demon
out her daughter.** (Mk 7,26)

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Dear friends of go4peace,

she was a young mother. She lived in the rich port city of Tyre, in present-day Lebanon. According to Greek mythology, this city was the birthplace of "Europa". The ancestors of this young woman came from Greece. She had never come into contact with the Jewish faith. Her Jewish neighbors regarded her as a "heathen", and she was often referred to as a "dog". Her family life was also challenging. She had a daughter who struggled with life. She had withdrawn into herself and had hardly any contacts. She was outcast and considered "unclean" and "possessed." She spend most of her time lying on her bed.

The young mother had already tried many things. She had heard of Jesus. He had just arrived in Tyre. He had hiked 60 kilometers from the Sea of Galilee to Tyre. He wanted to be alone for a few days. But his arrival did not remain a secret. So the young mother went to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus reacted dismissively. He saw himself sent to the Jews, the "children in the house of God," and not to the Gentiles. He told her: "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs!" But the young mother persisted. She wanted to help her daughter. She signaled her understanding to Jesus, adding, "Yes, you are right, Lord! But even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Jesus did not expect this answer. The insistence of the young mother made him reconsider. Jesus decided to help her daughter: "Go home, the demon has left your daughter!"

He'd had a hard time at home. His father had left the family. In his distress, he had come across Jesus. He had tried various church congregations but found nothing suitable there. Then he came across a course offering to follow Jesus' path. He had been 'religiously unmusical' until then. Nevertheless, he did register for the course. He drove to the first meeting and was warmly welcomed. Again and again he went to the meetings. Very slowly he discovered how close Jesus was to him. And then came a moment when he gave Jesus, in all secrecy, the promise that he wanted to live WHOLE for him. Thus began the adventure of a lifetime! It was a good ting that he didn't give up on his desire. **Stay tuned! Keep in touch!**

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