#### Matthew 15:25

- There are so many examples of good mothers in the Bible.
- Our text is certainly one of those.
- Today, the discussion will focus on statements made by and about several good mothers in the Bible.
- These should serve as a template for all of us when it comes to what's needed in child rearing.

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#### EXALT GOD

- Mary says in Luke 1:46, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
- Hannah in I Samuel 2:1-2, "My heart exults in the Lord.....There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."

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- Elizabeth says of Mary in Luke 1:45, "..blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."
- Mary herself says, "And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation 1:50

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- Paul makes reference to Timothy's grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice in II Tim. 1:5 and credits them for helping Timothy develop his faith.
- "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you"

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- In speaking of the virtuous women, the writer of Proverbs reminds us, "A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (30:30).
- The Canaanite Woman (mother) put her complete faith and trust in Jesus and says, "Lord, help me" (Matt. 15:25).

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- Part of showing faith is the willingness to solicit God's aid in areas of life.
- I have heard women recently solicit the Lord in this way when having to deal with their own demon-possessed daughters. Generally, though the plea is followed with a not so happy ending. : )

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### **EXPOSE THEM TO SCRIPTURE**

 Consider II Tim. 3:14-15, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation....."