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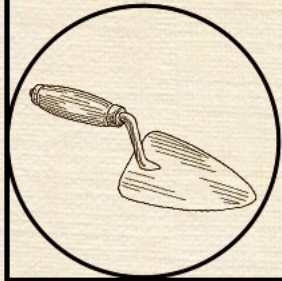
# Mercy for the Dogs

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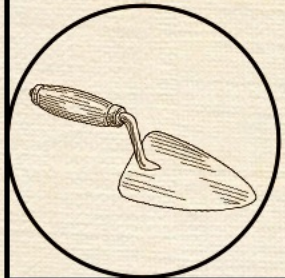


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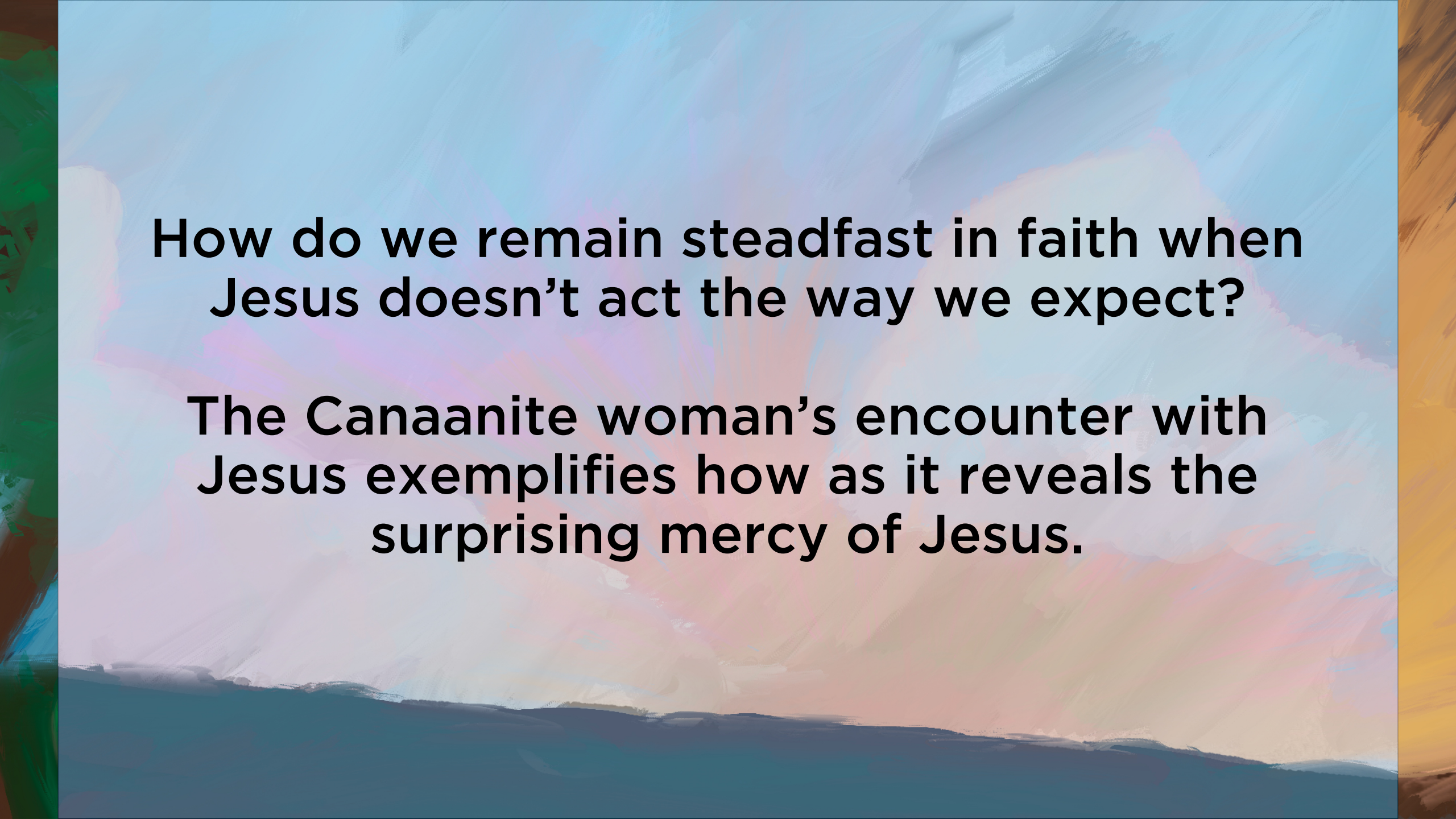












**How do we remain steadfast in faith when  
Jesus doesn't act the way we expect?**

**The Canaanite woman's encounter with  
Jesus exemplifies how as it reveals the  
surprising mercy of Jesus.**



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**Matthew 15:21-28**  
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# Matthew 11:20-22

Then [Jesus] began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago...

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And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.”

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# Matthew 10:5-7

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

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**Mark 7:27** And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

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# Matthew 8:10-11

When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,



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**REFUSE** complacency when darkness prevails. Rather, persist in prayer.

# James 5:11

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.