

# **Tough Mothers**

## **Mothers of the Bible**

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## **DEVOTION**

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**Preaching**

### **First Reading ~ *Mark 7:25-30***

A woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She approached Jesus and fell at his feet.

The woman, who was Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, begged Jesus to expel the demon from her daughter.

He told her "Let the children of the household satisfy themselves at the table first. It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied, "Yes, Rabbi, but even the dogs under the table eat the family's scraps."

Then Jesus said to her, "For saying this, you may go home happy. The demon has left your daughter." When she got home, she found her daughter in bed and the demon gone.

### **Second Reading ~*from Muriel Rukeyser in "Käthe Kollwitz"***

What would happen if one woman told the truth  
about  
her life?  
The world would split open.