



Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

**August 16, 2020**

**Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Loving God, you show mercy to all who call on you. Teach us to show your grace to all who cross our path, regardless of where they come from or how they live, for the sake of your loving son, Jesus. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. (Matthew 15:28)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus explained that words and actions have more ability to pollute or heal than what we put into our bodies. Then a Gentile woman challenges Jesus to heed his own words, and she is rewarded for her faith.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Why do you think Jesus reprimanded the Gentile woman for asking for his help? Was Jesus trying to teach the disciples a lesson or was he wrong? How did his encounter with the woman change him?

When have you been challenged to rethink your words or actions? How did you grow?

For the littles: How do you make your family the best it can be? What gifts, skills, and talents do you offer?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God strengthen your faith in the face of adversity. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider one person in your life that you work hard to avoid. Make a point to be in their life more often this week and think of them as God's child. Consider how your extra exposure to them shifts how you feel or think about them.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl](https://bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl) for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday, Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12