



after Pentecost

August 30, 2020 Matthew 16:21-28

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



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

Faithful God, you make your disciples bold to proclaim your name. Show us how to preach the truth in our words and in our lives, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." (Matthew 16:23)



Jesus had his mind set on heavenly things so that he could give his life for the sake of the world. He taught his disciples to look upward and live forward.



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 Peter for rejecting his expectation of suffering? What was Jesus' mind set on?

When has your suffering led to a positive outcome?

For the littles: Sometimes we get turned around and need help getting pointed in the right direction. When has someone pointed you in the right direction?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God turn you toward the things of God. Amen.



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

Sometimes we get set in our ways and have trouble breaking out of our regular routine. Use your GPS this week to find different routes to familiar places. Shop the aisles backward from your regular routine. Consider how the shift in routine can also shift your perspective.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6 Tuesday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13 Wednesday, Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32 Thursday, Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Friday, Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21 Saturday, Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36