



Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

**September 26, 2021**

**Mark 9:38-50**

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



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

God of power, you do not despise anyone who acts faithfully in the name of your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to others that are not like ourselves, and show us our kinship with the great variety of believers throughout your vast world, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.



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

*"Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."*

(Mark 9:40-41)



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

The disciples were upset that others who weren't Jesus' immediate followers were beginning to perform miracles and cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus told them not to get in the way. Whoever was doing good in Jesus' name was doing Jesus' work.



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

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

How does it feel when others want to do things differently than you do? Are you always right? How might you shift your thinking to allow for another to be right?

Who is in your corner? Who is for you?

For the littles: Who's got your back?



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

May God remove stumbling blocks and prevent you from becoming one. Amen.



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

Make a list of people or experiences that are stumbling blocks to being your best God-created self. Make a plan to eliminate or reduce exposure to people or things that are toxic to you.



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

Monday, Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Tuesday, Psalm 140; Esther 5:1-14; 1 John 2:18-25

Wednesday, Psalm 140; Esther 8:1-17; Matthew 18:6-9

Thursday, Psalm 26; Job 2:11-3:26; Galatians 3:23-29

Friday, Psalm 26; Job 4:1-21; Romans 8:1-11

Saturday, Psalm 26; Job 7:1-21; Luke 16:14-18