



**September 4, 2022**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

**The Thirteenth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

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



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

Steadfast God, you desire for us to be prepared to do your work. Show us what is needed and give us what is lacking, that we might prove to be faithful servants for your kingdom. For the sake of Jesus. Amen.



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

<sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26-27)



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

The work Jesus has in store can be grueling and challenging. Have followers done a thorough inventory of themselves? Are they fully prepared for the difficult work ahead?



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

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

What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself?"

For the littles: What's awesome about you? How can you use your awesomeness to serve Jesus?



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

May Jesus make your cross feather light. Amen.



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

Go online and take a personal inventory at:

[www.truity.com/test/personal-strengths-inventory](http://www.truity.com/test/personal-strengths-inventory)

Consider whether you are using your best gifts to serve God and others.



**Go Deeper:** Read the daily readings together each day.

Sunday, Jeremiah 18:1-11; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1:1-21;  
Luke 14:25-33

Monday, Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday, Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday, Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30

Thursday, Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday, Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday, Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21