



Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

Mark 7:24-37

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



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

Compassionate Lord, you were not unmoved when people cried to you for help—even people who were considered unapproachable. Shape our hearts to serve the stranger and love the unlovable, in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." (Mark 7:27-28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

On a day of retreat from public ministry, Jesus encountered a Gentile woman that compelled him to rethink who he invited into God's kingdom.



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

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

Do you think Jesus made a mistake when he turned down the Gentile woman's request for healing for her daughter? Why or why not? What would it mean if Jesus made a mistake?

For the littles: Do you like dogs or cats more? Why?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God hear your pleas and respond with "yes!" Amen.



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

Consider who in your local community are considered outcasts. Find out if there's an organization in your area to support relations with them. Reach out and learn what you can. Take steps to bridge the gap.



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

Monday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Tuesday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13

Wednesday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22

Friday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26

Saturday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32