

June 1

Matthew 7:24-29

These verses conclude the Sermon on the Mount.

Question to Consider:

What are you building your "house" – your life – on? That can be a difficult question when we wrestle with it honestly.

Prayer:

Loving Father, I know that I should build my house on you and the teachings of Jesus, but I also admit that sometimes I don't. Please forgive me for those times when I have chosen something other than you as the foundation for my life, and help me to deepen my relationship with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June 2

Luke 7:1-10

This passage tells the story of a faithful centurion.

Question to Consider:

Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith. Think about the people you know. Has one of them amazed you with his/her faith? Who? How did that person amaze you?

Prayer:

God of all people, it is easy to make assumptions about people that are simply wrong. Sometimes I even make assumptions about another person's relationship with you. Please forgive me and help me to see others the same way that you do. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

June 3

Luke 9:51-62

These verses teach us about the cost of following Jesus.

Question to Consider:

These verses and many others teach that there is a cost to following Jesus. It can come in damaged relationships, ridicule, and any number of other ways. Think of your own walk with Christ. Has it been costly? How so?

Prayer:

Merciful God, Jesus promises that following him may be costly. I pray that when I am called upon to pay a price for following Jesus – whatever it is – that I will be faithful to him and to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

June 4

Mark 4:35-41

In these verses we read that Jesus calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Question to Consider:

Just as Jesus calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee, he can calm storms in our lives, too. Is there a storm in your life now? What is it? Have you asked Jesus to calm it?

Prayer:

Loving Father, I know that Jesus can calm the storm in my life and right now I am struggling with *(describe the specific struggle you face)*. Please fill me with your spirit, calm the storm, and guide me. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

June 5

Mark 5:1-20

This passage tells of Jesus healing a man who was possessed by an evil spirit.

Question to Consider:

Why do you suppose Jesus refused to let the man he had healed go with him?

Prayer:

Gracious God, I know the day will come when I experience something great that you have done for me, or with me. When that day comes, help me to respond in the right way – in a way that serves you and gives you thanks and praise. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.