

## **June 26**

### John 6:1-15

These verses tell of the miracle of Jesus feeding 5000 people.

#### *Question to Consider:*

The disciples looked at the crowd and saw an overwhelming problem that was beyond their ability to solve, and yet Jesus handled it. Are you facing an overwhelming problem? Have you considered giving it over to God, and trusting that He will point you toward a solution?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, right now I feel overwhelmed by (*name specifically the problem, or problems, that you find overwhelming*). I give it over to you and trust that you will guide me toward a solution. I pray in the name of the one who fed the crowd, Jesus. Amen.

## **June 27**

### Matthew 14:22-33

This passage tells about Jesus walking on the water.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus and focused instead on the storm around him. Is there a storm surrounding you right now? What might happen if you stopped focusing on it, and instead turned your full attention toward Jesus?

#### *Prayer:*

Father God, there are storms around me right now – problems and struggles that can be frightening. Increase my faith and help to keep my focus on you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **June 28**

### John 6:22-35

In these verses, Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of heaven.”

#### *Question to Consider:*

Jesus is speaking of the spiritual food that he offers. What does it mean to you to be fed spiritually? How do you find spiritual nourishment?

#### *Prayer:*

Gracious God, I want to be close to you and I want to be fed by you. Feed my spirit so that I may receive the blessings you offer – peace, hope, and joy – blessings that are of greater value than any I could find in earthly things. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **June 29**

### Matthew 15:1-20

In these verses, Jesus teaches a new lesson about what is clean and what is unclean. He also teaches that our words say much about the condition of our hearts, our spiritual lives.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Think back on the words you have used just in the past 24 hours. What do they reveal about your heart – your spiritual life?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, I know that the words I speak reveal much about me. Help me to grow stronger in my walk with you, and help me to make sure that the words I speak lift up and heal, rather than tear down and destroy. I pray that the words I speak will be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **June 30**

### Matthew 15:21-28

In this passage, a faithful woman convinces Jesus to rethink his initial response to her.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Bring to mind a time when you responded to a question or an idea, but then were persuaded to change your mind. What was it? How did it feel to be persuaded to change?

#### *Prayer:*

Gracious God, the time will come when someone confronts me about an answer I have given or a position I have taken. Help me to listen well. If it is best that I stand firm, help me to do that. If it is best that I change my mind, help me with the wisdom to recognize that, and then act. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.