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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 79

Read Sunday's Gospel: [Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Gospel Summary

In this Sunday proclamation, we continue to hear from Matthew's Gospel account of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus calls us to holiness. Jesus' preaching does not devalue the Mosaic Law, but reveals the heart of God's Law. To observe God's Law, we are to live a life of holiness. We are called to be perfect as God is perfect. Perfection is a tall order, but Jesus asks us as his disciples to emulate the perfection of God the Father. Jesus is calling us to "be perfect" in our relationships with one another. So we are called to love one another as God loves us. And in loving others as God loves us, we emulate the perfection of God.

Reflection for Parents

When difficult times and strife occur in family life, what are our natural tendencies? Taking the perspective of the other person is a great challenge, yet a necessary skill for a healthy relationship. Consider the challenge of Jesus to turn the other cheek during difficult times. Jesus is not asking us to accept or tolerant abuse, but to consider the perspective of the other person in how we relate to him or her. So next time when the family is challenged, or an argument occurs, how might you consider the perspective of the other person? How might you show your spouse or children the love that God shows all of us?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

During mealtimes this week as you eat, talk together about how each member of the family is important. Share with one another the goodness and beauty that each family member has. Highlight special talents and skills which have made a difference in the life of the family. Take the time to specifically discuss the qualities you cherish about one another.

Discussion Starters

1. As a disciple of Jesus, I need to learn how to love others by . . .
2. I know I am loved by others when . . .
3. The greatest challenge I have in loving like God is . . .