



**March 3, 2019**

**Matthew 16:24–17:8**

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



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

O God of the ages, you give us your only son and ask only that we listen to him. Help us to see you throughout our highs and lows, and to find courage in having you by our side. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.*

(Matthew 17:1-2)



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

Three of the disciples find themselves atop a mountain with Jesus and two dead prophets in a blaze of light. Under such circumstances, can we really blame Peter for speaking nonsense?



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

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

What events have occurred in your community that have changed the course of your community's future? How have the transformational events transformed you?

What does it mean to you when Jesus says, "Deny [yourself], and take up your cross and follow me"? In what ways have you taken up a cross? In what ways have you denied yourself?

For the littles: What does it mean when a person glows bright like the sun? Jesus glowed like that!



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

May God transform your heart and mind to be of like heart and mind with God. Amen.



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

Listen and learn from another person this week. Do not try to be right. Instead, let the other be right. Tell them what you learned from them.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 41:7-10, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 13:47-53, *Parables of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 18:1-9, *Who Is the Greatest?*

Thursday, Psalm 146:7c-10, *Psalm*

Friday, Psalm 51:1-3, *Psalm*

Saturday, Matthew 13:54-58, *Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth*

**Next Week: Matthew 18:15-35, The Unforgiving Servant**