

Lectio Divina

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| > Read and re-read , out loud and slowly the Gospel | > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition |
| > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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August 17th 2014 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 15: 21 - 28

In this week's gospel we see Jesus having met with rejection from the Pharisees goes to Gentile territory and encounters faith in an unexpected place, in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. The Canaanite woman was not concerned for herself but for her daughter. Her faith and persistence caught the attention of Jesus and her daughter was cured.

Have you had times in your life when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?

Prayer:

Thank you for all the people whose great faith is a strength for us. Their commitment and belief even though they often have to make a nuisance of themselves to let us know how Jesus cares for us.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we ignored the fact that there are men, women and children who must be content to eat scraps that fall from their masters table.

Help us Lord to be humble like Jesus to recognise publicly the great faith of others and let them evangelise us.

