Family Commentary July 5-July 12, 2026

July 5: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

In this Gospel reading, Jesus confronts others' misconceptions of him. People expected someone much different to be the Messiah and yet Jesus is right in front of them, the Messiah himself. Jesus offers a different kind of leadership than people are used to. This type of leadership does not value image, wealth, or power, but values learning, rest, and refuge. These are the places where we will find Jesus, even though they are unexpected.

Questions for Refection:

Have you ever felt misunderstood? How did that feel?

What is one way you can get to know someone better this week?

July 12: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23, The Parable of the Sower

As a teacher, Jesus knew that one way people learned well was through stories, or parables. This parable takes something those around him knew well, planting, and compares it to sharing God's word with others. Within ourselves, there are times when we miss what God is trying to show us, times when we think we know what God means but later find out we didn't, and times when we fully understand what God is saying and grow in new ways. This happens when we share the stories of our faith with others, too. The more we listen for God and open our hearts, the more we are able to understand and grow with God.

Questions for Reflection:

How do you listen for God in your life?

How do you feel you have grown in the last year? How do you hope to continuing growing?