

Devotional for
“Claiming Inclusion”
Sunday, October 14, 2018

During your prayer and meditation time, using any Bible you choose, consider the story of Jesus and the Syro-Phoenician woman in Mark 7:24-30.

Then, consider these questions:

- ❖ When in my life have I been an outsider?
 - List all the places or situations which apply, no matter how insignificant.

- ❖ When I requested service, recognition, respect, and/or inclusion, how was I treated?
 - List as much as applies.

- ❖ When I consider that a spiritual master such as Jesus changed his mind, how am I inspired right now to interrupt my silence to reconsider a prejudice I have, so I can recognize and include someone who’s previously been ignored or excluded?
 - Note what the prejudice is and list as many actions as you can take to overcome it.

Give yourself as much time and space as you need to contemplate the text, to consider your feelings, and to allow new ways of being to unfold.