



***Family preparation for congregational worship on December 31, 2017***

**Our Scripture-Romans 11:11-16(ESV):** So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup> Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! <sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

**Discuss:**

1. What hope do the Jews ever have of recovering their relationship with God (v.11)?
2. How have the Gentiles been helped by the Jews rejection of God's salvation plan (v.11-12)?
3. How did Paul hope the Jewish people would respond when they saw him ministering to the Gentiles? (vv.13-14)?

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord for His patience and love. Praise the Lord we can trust Him completely. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for the power to become more Christ like. Pray for your daily activities. Pray for the Good News jail and Prison Ministry as they minister to prisoners both here in Wisconsin and around the world. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize: (December)** *"Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one."* Deuteronomy 6:4

**Music:** As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

I can hear my Savior calling; I can hear my Savior calling;  
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Where He leads me I will follow; Where He leads me I will follow;  
Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him thro' the judgment; I'll go with Him thro' the judgment;  
I'll go with Him thro' the judgment, I'll go with Him all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow; Where He leads me I will follow;  
Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him all the way.

*"Where He Leads Me";* The Celebration Hymnal, #593, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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