

“But they didn’t understand any of this. The significance of his words was hidden from them, and they failed to grasp what he was talking about.”  
 Luke 18:34 NLT

## [lectio] // LUKE 18:31-34

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

## [meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

Jesus just finished telling them that all the things the prophets had predicted would happen to the son of man were about to take place. In their mind, there was no where to put this truth. They could not grasp the facts with their current reality. Is this how we process truth, even today? So God speaks (through spokespersons) and tells everyone what’s going to happen. Then Jesus, not only lives out everything that was written, but tells his closest friends exactly what is going to happen next. They still could not grasp it. How well do we hear God speak truth and yet, still can not grasp it even as it is happening? We want to know the future, but when we hear it and it starts happening we can’t figure it out - even WHILE it’s taking place. Sometimes it sucks to be human! We (I) just don’t get stuff, or I figure it out so late.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

This is so embarrassing to WANT to know what’s happening and often, what’s going to happen. But then, I can’t recognize that it’s happening or why. It takes so long for me to process truth. I end up having to trust you because I cannot see or understand what’s happening. I HAVE to trust because I have either forgotten or misunderstood what you have said. I take it that sin in my (our) lives is responsible for this truth delay? I do like that I have a relationship with you to put my trust in so there is something actionable I can do with my feelings of confusion, frustration or fear. Thank you for loving me beyond my ability to grasp MANY truths, not just future truths.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root