

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

1. What is the cost and reward of obedience to God?
2. Abram was 75 years old when he received this call. What does this teach us about God's timing and the, "no retirement" aspect of our faith journey?
3. Where in your life do you find it difficult to leave your "comfort zone" trust God and the unknown? How did it work out?

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

1. What is the psalm asking us to reflect on?
2. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading and the Psalm?
3. What does it mean to "wait for the LORD" in our daily lives, particularly when we are dealing with trials or waiting for a prayer to be answered?

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

1. What does it mean to "join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God"? How does this challenge our modern desire for comfort and safety?
2. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading, Psalm, and 2nd Reading?
3. How can this reading help support those who are experiencing difficulties or "suffering" in life or for their faith?

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

1. Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the Prophets. What does their presence with Jesus signify about his mission?
2. God the Father says, "Listen to him." In our busy lives, what are the biggest obstacles to truly listening to Jesus?
3. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading, Psalm, 2nd Reading, and Gospel?
4. What is one practical way that you can "listen" to Jesus more closely in your life?



PRAYER

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

