

Glimpses of Glory

As we gather on the Second Sunday of Lent, we are presented with profound readings that invite us to explore themes of faith, promise, and transformation. The Gospel reading from Luke (9:28-36) and the first reading from Genesis (15:5-12, 17-18) together weave a beautiful narrative of God's covenant and the revelation of His glory.

In our first reading, we encounter the story of Abram, who is called by God to leave his homeland and trust in a promise that seems impossible. God takes Abram outside and tells him to look at the stars, saying, "So shall your descendants be." This powerful moment underscores God's faithfulness and the covenant He establishes with Abram.

Fast forward to the Gospel, where Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. He is transfigured before them—His face shining like the sun and His clothes dazzling white. This moment is pivotal, as it reveals Jesus' divine glory and His connection to the prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.

In this transformative moment of the Transfiguration, the glory of God is revealed in the person of Jesus, and the disciples are given a glimpse of the divine promise fulfilled. Just as Abram was promised descendants that would outnumber the stars, here, the disciples witness the fulfillment of God's promise through Christ.

Both readings highlight the importance of faith. Abram believed in God's promise despite his circumstances, and this faith was credited to him as righteousness. Similarly, the disciples, though initially fearful and confused, are called to deepen their faith in Jesus as they witness His divine nature. Faith requires trust, and both Abram and the disciples demonstrate this trust in the face of uncertainty.

As we reflect on these readings, we are reminded of our own call to transformation. Lent is a time for us to seek a deeper relationship with God, just as Abram did and as the disciples were invited to do on the mountain. The Transfiguration serves as a reminder that while we may face challenges and doubts, God's glory is always present and awaiting our recognition.

How can we apply these lessons in our lives? Like Abram, we are invited to step outside of our comfort zones and trust in God's promises. This may mean letting go of things that hold us back or embracing new opportunities to serve and love

others. During this Lenten season, let us take time for prayer, reflection, and listening.

In conclusion, as we move forward in this season of Lent, let us take inspiration from Abram's faith and the disciples' transformative experience on the mountain. May we strive to listen to God's voice and trust in His promises, allowing ourselves to be changed and renewed. Let us pray for the grace to see the stars in our own lives and to recognize Christ's light in the world. Amen!

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