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Second Sunday of Lent

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a manifestation of His glory. Peter, James, and John are so privileged to witness the event. Peter is caught up in high energy that he wants to build three tents for Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. The experience though terrifying, places Peter in a position to be excited to build tents for them. In this event, a voice from the cloud is heard, *“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him”*. After the transfiguration, they all went down from the mountain, and Jesus told them not to say anything about it until He rose from the dead.

His miracles or well-known teachings do not bring about the glorification of Jesus. These miracles and thought-provoking teachings put him in trouble with the scribes and Pharisees. Rather, Jesus’ glorification is brought about by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. He suffered and died for the sin of humanity. As much as He experienced pain and agony, He embraced them with all love and care for our salvation. Jesus’ obedience brings this sacrificial love to God’s will.

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we need to reflect on the words of the Father; *“this is my beloved Son...listen to him,”* because Jesus sets an example of how we can truly be sons and daughters of the Father. To listen is to be a disciple, ready to learn and carry the teachings in our day-to-day lives.

Lent is a time to examine how we carry out our call to be Jesus’ disciples today. Remember on Ash Wednesday? As crosses were marked on our foreheads, we heard, “repent and believe in the Gospel.” How are we responding to these words as our Lenten journey continues? Have we just ignored the meaning of Ash Wednesday or embraced it to welcome God’s grace into our lives? Know that Jesus is well pleased by the Father; we can be the same when we are faithful to Him in word and deed.

Let us continue our faith journey this Lent by enriching our lives with God’s Word. Listening to His Son will certainly bring about change or changes in our lives so we can live in peace, love, and joy!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual