

**FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY LENT YEAR -C-2025.**

**THE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE-PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE:**

Last Sunday we were treated to what we can call the Desert experience, today we move from there to mountain experience. In scriptures, mountains are very special and used to establish a close personal relationship with God. From the Abraham, Moses, Elijah other prophet and Jesus are all associated with great experience of meeting God in mountains in one way or another.

Abraham met God in Mount **Horeb**, Moses in Mt. **Sinai**, which we might call the Mount of **morality**, **Mt. Carmel** classified as **mountain of Decision**, **Mt. Gilboa** mountain of change, **mountain of Beatitude** classified as **mountain of discipleship**. **mt. Olives** the **mountain of suffering**, **mt Calvary** the **mountain of redemption**, and finally unnamed mountain of **Great commissioning**, **Might this be our mountain! Today we are being treated on Mt. Tabor**, the mountain of transfiguration. In all these mountains, we experience the presence of God among His messengers and they all bring **prayer and vision**.

Our first reading (Gen 15:5-12, 17-18) talk about Gods **promise or covenant** to Abraham, that he will be father of many and God kept his promise. We too are called to keep our promise we make to our Lord and creator. If we are sincere, he will never abandon us in all moments of **joy, tribulations, challenges, doubt and difficult situations**. **\*Behold I am with you till the end of time\*** This covenant at Mt. Horeb, led to the covenant at Mt. Sinai and culminated in the eternal covenant sealed by Jesus on Mt. Calvary. what about our covenant with God in **Baptism**,

**matrimony,our vocation** do we still adhere to the promises.This is the call for us today.

The gospel (Lk. 9:28-36),the incident is transfiguration of Jesus on this mountain.Transfiguration means the **ordinary form of Jesus,how the disciples saw him day by day was replaced for a short time by another extraordinary form of Jesus,they saw the glory that is eternal son of God.**Jesus had gone up the mountain with three of his apostles to pray to his father perhaps for **strengthening for his journey to Calvary.**The apostles had to learn who their Jesus is,that he is more than a rabbi who was persuasive and worker of miracles,he is more than that in his **glorified person,and that the cross is not the end but the beginning of his Glory.**Hence the Lord was transfigured in their presence, too showing that the Messiah must suffer and his disciples must be prepared to share and enter into his glory.They tasted a **preview of his glory.**His clothes became dazzling white.Moses and Elijah representing the law and prophet and perhaps strengthening the Lord for what he is about to face.The great voice of the father **\*this is my son,the chosen one,listen to him\* the three were treated to this short glory and they wanted to stay there,** that is why peter wanted to put the three tents they had tasted glory.They wanted to be in that comfort zone.

Soon there will be contrast in that Transfiguration mountain and the following Calvary,his clothes will not be dazzling white but taken away from him, his shining face will be covered with sweat and blood,his companion would not be Moses and Elijah but rather two criminals,no affirming voice from the father but uncontrolled mockeries of crucify him,crucify him and the apostles wouldn't like

the situation of even to be associated with Christ leave alone putting up a tent, rather they will deny him and escape at that hour of need. Don't all of us have our transfiguration when we feel **joyful,exalted,** gentle whispering of voice in our hearts feeling that we are really beloved sons/daughters of God then the heaven breaks loose and we have the Calvary experience of **sorrow,difficulties,pain and darkness,**we feel that God has **abandoned us.** Like Jesus we must trust in God always and be assured that he will never forsake us by all means. We must turn to him in prayer and commitment.

We are called today to go **beyond the scope,past the limit of our vision in Calvary and see the glory of God.**we need to open our eyes,ears mind and heart for that voice **\*This is my son listen to him. Hence if you hear his voice harden not your heart.**