

Lent 2 Sunday B - Transfiguration

OK – Today we have two of the most famous bible stories in scripture

First – we have the story of Abraham going up the mountain to sacrifice his son Isaac

Then – we have the Transfiguration

Now think for a minute what it must have been like for Abraham walking up that mountain

He has the knife tucked into his belt – Isaac is carrying the wood for the sacrifice

Imagine what that walk up the mountain was like for Abraham – terror, anxiety, fear?

THEN at the last second – STOP

What relief! JOY! God affirms his faith

He goes from the depths of despair to a Mountaintop experience of God

Its just the opposite in the Transfiguration

Peter James and John see Jesus transfigured in Glory, with Moses and Elijah

They start with JOY, Amazement, a wonderful revelation

Then they hear God speak and are overshadowed with a dark cloud

They fall down in fear, terror

It's Lent – some of us will experience trials like Abraham (As a means to bring us closer to God)

– some of us will have wonderful mountaintop experiences like PJ&J (to bring us closer)

How God will use this Lent – for you – is up to Him – but we play a part

Abraham was faithful and did what God asked him to do

PJ&J were faithful and followed JC back down the mountain

How we live our Lent, how attentive we are to God moving in our lives matters.

Our Lent can help us understand better the purpose of trials, suffering, testing and making sacrifices.

When we experience anger in our hearts, we can discover forgiveness;

When we experience confusion, we can discover enlightenment;

When we experience struggle, we can discover the strength to face them.

When we experience our doubts we can discover understanding.

Lent has the ability to bring us all closer to the Father, thru the Son.

So that we may have our own “Transfiguration Moment” and see the glory of God.