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LK 9:22-25

DT: 30 15-20

In this second day of Lent we are told rather directly in the readings what we need to do to save ourselves.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we are told rather bluntly we must obey God's commandments. If we do, we will have life and will be blessed. If we do not do so, we will be cursed and face death.

In the Gospel reading Jesus explains to disciples that He will suffer greatly and be rejected and killed BUT will be raised on the third day. Jesus goes on to state if we want to follow Him, we must take up His cross daily. We are told who ever wishes to save his life must lose it but whoever loses for Jesus' sake will save it.

Lent is a time to reflect on how we are doing in carrying the crosses we face in life. It is a time to take stock on how we are following Jesus' teachings and on whether our ways are God's ways. We need to ask ourselves what we need to change within ourselves to become the person Jesus wants us to be.

Reflection questions:

What do I need to change in my life to become a better follower of Jesus starting today, this second day of Lent? How do I carry the crosses I bear in life? Do I offer my sufferings to Jesus remembering how he suffered to save me?

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