

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18 † Philippians 3:17—4:1 † Luke 9:28b–36



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It seems to me to be much easier to have a "check list" of things to do. That can apply to our faith journey. If we see this journey as simply following the list of rules that we were given in the Ten Commandments and other liturgical and canonical guidelines, are we seeing the real picture of God's call? So, if I go to Mass every Sunday and say the Apostles' Creed at the right time, get my ashes on Ash Wednesday and my palms on Palm Sunday...then my back is covered. I won't go to hell!

Today's scriptures give us a different message. They take us, with the apostles, up the mountain to spend some time with God and go deeper into how we go forward with his Word. I can understand the disciples wanting to settle in right there and bask in the glory. But Jesus calls us to go on the journey as he has called us. We will not have the plan that God has for us unless we keep our connection with Him, our eyes and ears fixed on His call and go into the cloud that He is inviting us to enter.

What has God called us to do and to be? When we come out of the church or the prayer environment we were in, what are the situations that God has called us into? What are the gifts we have been given and how have we used them to build the kingdom of God together?