

CHRIST OUR HOPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FAITH IN LAITY CORNER



YEAR 3/CYCLE C- 3RD WEEK OF LENT
Readings Ex. 3: 1-8 Lk. 13:1-9;

A Second Chance

No other creature formed by God, is more in need of a few chances, than we humans. Throughout ancient human history, rather from the time of our creation, there was a need to help us get over the hurdles of this life. From the beginning, we were making terrible mistakes and it was a merciful God who listened to us and accepted us back. As Adam and Eve were asked to leave Paradise, God promised mankind a second chance.

Yes, we need as faulty humans as many chances as we can get. Jacob took the birthright from Esau, but God worked things in the latter's favor. Moses messed up, with murdering an Egyptian; God took him back. David, beloved by God, fell far from the perfect King; and had his commander murdered; God called him again. It was important to recognize that even in Jesus' time, Peter denied his relationship with Him; and so did Paul. Each was given a second chance.

Very important is the understanding of who is our God. In the Book of Exodus, Moses had a personal experience of Who spoke in the fire.

"I must turn aside to look at this remarkable sight. (Ex.3:3)

Second chances are given to those who seek out those they wronged, offer to

reconcile and beg for forgiveness and another chance to prove themselves. One does not always ask a second chance from an unknown or stranger.

“I am the God of your father.” (Ex. 3:6)

Facing God helps us to see who we are in comparison to God, we know that there could only be humility in His presence, we get a glimpse of ourselves as God sees us.

We are all guilty of wrong and need the mercy of God to help us through. No one is more or less guilty, God in His Judgment will have the final say.

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?” (Lk. 13:4)

Each of us is given second chances up to the end, we just have to be honest and ask. The ‘good thief’ asked Jesus to have mercy on him, as He was dying on the cross. We have to own our faults and repent.

“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” (Lk. 13:3)

Our second chance will depend upon our understanding of honesty. The fig tree did not bear, it did pretend, it remained dormant. Someone was able to intercede on behalf of the life of a tree.

“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;” (Lk. 13:8)

God is always giving us a second chance; you have to ask for yours.

WE ALL NEED A SECOND CHANCE, TO TRY AGAIN TO GET IT RIGHT. OUR FATHER IS ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE US A CHANCE, WE JUST HAVE TO ASK FOR IT.

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