

2nd Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2008
(Gen 12:1-4/2Tim 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9)

Theme: Put your trust in God, He will not disappoint you.

Today we enter the second week of Lent. The first reading today, from the book of Genesis, presents to us the call of Abram by God. God called Abram and his household to leave everything behind and follow him. God promised to bless and protect Abram. Abram placed his trust and hope in God and followed him leaving everything behind. Abram believed God and has that firm trust in God.

God, seeing that Abram was a man of faith, blessed him abundantly with riches. He changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means the Father of Nations. Abraham remained steadfast in his faith even when it seemed that all hope was lost. Today we all are sons and daughters of Abraham. Because of his strong faith in God, today he is known as our Father in Faith.

Beloved in Christ, let us learn a good lesson from this call of Abraham by God. Just as Abraham was called, you and I are also called to follow God as sons and daughters of God. Abraham placed his trust and faith in God and won God's blessings. Let us also put our faith and trust in God always and win God's blessings. For God is always faithful; He is our father; He will never disappoint you.

In the gospel today, our Lord Jesus has asked us not to be afraid. As a child of God, lift up your heart and call on God. Never be afraid to live your life as a child of God for Christ is always beside you.