

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM...

We have reached the second Sunday of Lent, and the Word of God invites us first and foremost to keep moving forward, to set out on the path to reach the Lord's Easter.

To be on the move is to set out on the journey, just as the Lord invited Abraham to leave his land and leave his home, family, and possessions to receive the Lord's blessing.

So too are we invited to strive to break free from our own criteria or conventions and allow ourselves to be renewed by the criteria of the Gospel, thus participating in the new life in the Lord.

A second point in the Word of God reminds us that the problems and difficulties in our lives will not last forever. Last Sunday we meditated on the Gospel where Jesus faced a spiritual battle in the desert, the moment of temptation, and today we contemplate him on the mountaintop, resplendent, revealing his divinity.

Problems and difficulties, tribulations and sufferings are inherent in our human condition, but Jesus invites us to lift our gaze and discover that just as he not only faced temptations and overcame them, he also faced the hardest moments of his life in his painful Passion, culminating in his death. But this event gave way to the glorious resurrection.

This passage of the Transfiguration reminds us that just as we experience painful moments, there is also hope, where the Lord will share his victory with us.

We must not be discouraged; Jesus has already walked our path. We should not think that when everything is going well, it is because God is present, and conversely, when things become difficult, it is because God has abandoned us.

Everything is a process, a path we must travel; but each of us makes the decision: whether to walk this path alone or to allow ourselves to be accompanied by the light and divinity of Jesus. Let us ask Mary, most holy mother of hope, to intercede for us so that, firm in our faith, we may continue to accompany Christ toward his paschal light. Amen.