

First Sunday of Lent ***February 14, 2016***

The Story and You: Second Sunday of Lent

I wonder what they thought when Jesus led them up Mount Tabor to pray.

“Seriously, Rabbi?” James and John might have thundered, “Can’t we just pray down here?”

“Listen, Master,” Peter may have cajoled, “we’ve got a long road ahead. If you insist on going down to Jerusalem, which as you know I do not advise, we can pray our *tefillah* down here and rest.”

They couldn’t have been surprised when Jesus kept walking. After all, didn’t Moses climb the mountain of Sinai twice? And speaking of Mt. Sinai, wasn’t it there that Elijah heard God speak in the tiny breeze? So of course they went up the mountain. Jesus was climbing, and, having been invited into that intimacy, they could never have stayed away.

I climbed that mountain once myself. It remains the most terrifying experience of my life. Trapped in the mud and the cold, with an arthritic hip and a heart Much Afraid, I would never have made it to the high places without my husband and several friends.

Was it worth it? Ask Peter, James, and John.

Because of their willingness to climb with Jesus, they saw him transfigured, his divinity fully revealed, and they heard the Father speak. And yes, Moses and Elijah appeared too, comforting Jesus about what was to take place in Jerusalem. Oh yeah. It was worth it.

It was worth it for me too. Everyone should have such a memory, of loved ones pulling her out of the depths, and Habakkuk 3:19 being fulfilled in her life: "The Lord God is my strength, and will give me hinds' feet, and will make me to walk upon the high places."

Have you read the classic Christian allegory, "Hinds' Feet in High Places"? It will give you strength.

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La Historia y Usted: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Me pregunto qué pensarían cuando Jesús los llevó hacia el Monte Tabor a orar. -¿En serio Rabí?- Santiago y Juan seguramente exclamaron, -¿Qué no podemos orar aquí abajo?-

-Escúchame, Maestro,- Tal vez trato de convencerlo Juan, -Nos espera un largo camino. Si tú insistes en

que vayamos a Jerusalén, lo cual como ya sabes yo no aconsejo que hagamos, podremos orar nuestra *tefillah* aquí y descansar.-

No se debieron haber sorprendido cuando Jesús siguió caminando. Después de todo, ¿Qué no Moisés subió al monte de Sinaí dos veces? Y hablando del Monte Sinaí, ¿qué no fue ahí donde Elías oyó a Dios hablarle en la suave brisa? Así que por supuesto que subieron a la montaña. Jesús estaba escalando, y, habiendo sido invitados a compartir esa intimidad, ellos jamás pudieron haberse quedado atrás.

Yo escale una montaña una vez. Hasta hoy ha sido la experiencia más aterrorizante de mi vida. Atrapada en el lodo y el frío, con una cadera artrítica y un corazón Muy Asustado, nunca hubiese podido llegar a los lugares más altos sin la ayuda de mi esposo y varios amigos.

¿Valió la pena? Pregúntale a Pedro, Santiago, y a Juan. Gracias a su disposición de escalar con Jesús, ellos lo vieron transfigurado, su divinidad totalmente revelada, y oyeron al Padre hablar. Y si, Moisés y Elías aparecieron, también, dándole consuelo a Jesús para enfrentar lo que estaba a punto de suceder en Jerusalén. Y si. Valió la pena. También para mí valió la pena. Todos deberíamos tener tales recuerdos, de tus seres queridos sacándote de la profundidad y Habacuc 3:19 llevándose a cabo en tu vida: -Porque el Señor me da fuerzas; da a mis piernas la ligereza del ciervo y me lleva a alturas donde estaré a salvo.-

¿Alguna vez has leído la clásica historia Cristiana "Hinds' Feet in High Places (Piernas como de Ciervo en lugares Altos) Te dará fuerzas.

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--

Ken Deslongchamp, Barbara Deaguero, Tony Romero, Audrey Magee, Christine Trujillo, Lucy Ortega, Conception Ayala, LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero, Fernando Olivas, Olivia Scott, Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio, Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes, Tillie Estrada, Alicia Aguilar

The Year of Mercy—Pope Francis would like to encourage all Catholics to assist in bringing a brighter awareness of the Acts of Mercy, corporal and spiritual, in the year of mercy. So here is a list of those Acts or Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Clothe the Naked
- 4) Shelter the Homeless
- 5) Visit the Sick
- 6) Visit the Imprisoned
- 7) Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- 1) Instruct the Ignorant
- 2) Counsel the Doubtful
- 3) Admonish Sinners
- 4) Bear Wrongs patiently
- 5) Forgive Offences willingly
- 6) Comfort the Afflicted
- 7) Pray for the Living and the Dead

Okay. Here's the deal. The Pharisees looked down on those who couldn't read or write because they believed that those folks could never *do* the law. So the Pharisees said that those folks can never do God's desire. We are not called to judge who is in God's favor and who is not. We called to invite everyone from the old ways of the world to the new ways of Christ—Always by invitation and always without deciding who deserves God's love and who doesn't.

Help with TAXES—if you make less than \$53,000 and have children at home, there is FREE tax help. Emily Griffith Technical College, 1205 Osage Street, February 3 to April 14, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (*closed March 21 to April 1 for spring break*).

The Andrade Family, relatives of Andy and Gina Lobato, are the ones whose house caught fire in southwest Denver—you might remember the horrific scene of the fire on TV. They are in need of furniture-diapers-bed linens-household goods-department store gift cards-toddler clothing. You can drop these items at the following locations: Governor's Ranch Elementary School (5354 S Field) until March 1. You can also contact any Bank of the West branch to donate to the Andrade Family fund.

Theodora House—is a homeless shelter for women that is ministered to by some of the parishioners of Saint Rose of Lima. On the first Saturday of each month, they cook and serve dinner for the women, usually 15 to 20. They would love to have one or two more families/individuals to assist. If interested, call Julie Hallahan at 303.451.0400.

IN THE JUBILEE OF MERCY, CHRIST ASKS, "WOMAN, WHO ARE YOU?"

A retreat for all ladies, sponsored by the St Rafka Ladies Society, with Fr Andre Mahanna, Saturday, February 27, 9am to 4pm at St Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, 2301 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood. \$25 per person, includes breakfast, lunch, and Mass in the Maronite tradition. This retreat is an examination of the apostolic letter, "Mulieris Dignitatem" by St Pope John Paul II. Register at trafkaladiesdenver@gmail.com or 303.960.8646.

