

Thoughts on the Daily Word

2nd Week of Lent. Saturday 7th March. Readings: Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Psalm: 102; Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

Lent is a time of testing and choice. We are given the two sons in today's Gospel and are being asked to which we might identify. We are assured of the Father's love in Micah and Luke, but we face a choice in what kind of son we are and want to become. Faced with the Lent challenge potential Christians might draw back in shame and fear as they face up to what they have done in the past and even be afraid of what they might lapse into in the future. The Father's love should take away that fear but also challenge how we deal with our failures. We can easily become self-righteous like the elder son and become proud and distant. The story tells us that it is in our failure that we become children of the Father, not in our superiority.