



MARCH 1, 2015
**SECOND SUNDAY
 OF LENT**



GENESIS 22:1–2, 9A, 10–13, 15–18

PSALM 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19

ROMANS 8:31B–34

MARK 9:2–10

REFLECTION

We've all had days that we wish could last forever—a big win, a good performance, a time when you made a difference for someone else or a great day with friends—a powerful, meaningful moment. They're the times we live for and the ones we remember when we need something to keep us going. Today's Gospel must have been one of those moments for Peter, James, and John. During the dazzling vision of Jesus on the mountaintop, the Apostles in his inner circle must have felt both amazed and reassured. All along they had seen the miracles up close, they had heard his preaching that rang with truth and wisdom, but they also must have felt the growing opposition to Jesus's message of love for all. Just before this trip to the mountaintop, Jesus tells of his coming suffering and Death, and he warns the disciples what following him will cost them. In the dark and difficult days to come, the memory of this bright day must have been a comfort and reminder to hold onto the hope of the Resurrection.



An article describing our connection to the Jewish faith.
www.americancatholic.org/newsletters/you/ay0403.asp

ACTION

Elijah and Abraham are important ancestors in faith for Jews and Christians alike. Take some time with your family this week to find your own ancestors of faith. Has your family always been Catholic? If not, how did your family come to the Catholic faith?

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- God is on your side. As Paul puts it in the Letter to the Romans 8:31: "If God is for us who can be against us?" When in your life have you experienced this?
- What mountaintop experiences have you had? Describe the feelings of your best experiences (spiritual or not). Are these memories you revisit when you need help?