

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Psalm 103: 9-12

Luke 15: 18-19

Micah 7: 18-19

"God does not always rebuke, ...nurses no lasting anger, ...has not dealt us as our sins merit, nor requited us as our deeds deserve."

How often do we sin, ask God for forgiveness, sin again and repeat this cycle until our guilt becomes so overwhelming that we think there's no way God will continue to forgive us? But in Luke we read, **"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son."**

I really feel there was a reason I was asked to reflect on these particular readings. I struggle with myself as a sinner, repeating, in some cases, the same sins over and over again!

Micah reminds us that the Lord our God **"removes guilt, pardons our sins and does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency."**

So who's running this show? Is it me, the undeserving, guilt-filled person, or Christ Jesus who carried His Cross to Calvary for our sins? Christ Jesus says, "keep getting back up and allow yourself to be healed over and over again. My Love and compassion for you is constant."

What sins do I repeat that I need to take to Reconciliation (again) this Lent?

*Sweet Jesus,
thank You for reminding me not to replace my faith with guilt.
And, as a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord forgives and has compassion on the faithful.
Let us be Christ to one another,
with the same compassion,
love and forgiveness that Jesus has for us.
Amen.*

God bless you all,
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