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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 124

Read: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Gospel Summary

Jesus told his apostles about the suffering he would endure. Peter, speaking for the group, simply couldn't believe that the great Messiah who would save Israel would have to go through such degrading events. Peter was thinking only in human terms and not about God's ways.

Reflection for Families

Like most parents, we try to protect our children from life's crushing blows, or at least hold them off as long as possible. It hurts us to see our children suffer disappointments, rejections, losses or defeats. Sometimes the easier choice is the one that goes unnoticed. For example, a teen pregnancy that ends in abortion receives less attention than carrying the baby full term. Or not trying out for the position of pitcher is easier than having fans watch five walks in a row. Our children need our presence and support when they make the hard choices. We know from our own lives that they will grow from their experiences.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think of someone your family knows personally (or someone you've heard about) who may be feeling lonely because they made a tough choice. Maybe they are recovering from addiction, raising a baby alone, or left a difficult relationship. Reach out to that person as a family either by visiting them, inviting them to dinner, sending them a card, or writing a letter. Help support them in their tough decision.

Discussion Starters

1. Once I remember trying to help (like Peter) but said the wrong thing. Now that I look back, it would have been better to say...
2. A cross I bear in following Jesus is...
3. I think one of the hardest situations to suffer through and one that requires the most courage is...