

Life to the Full:

Living faith within our families

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We continue exploring our theme, “**Trust, Surrender, Believe, Receive**” through short reflections on the Lenten Sunday Gospels.



A scene from “He Was Shining”, a short film which tells the story of The Transfiguration from the point of view of James the disciple.



He Was Shining

Prayer

Jesus,

we are like the disciples on the mountain, not knowing what is in the future.

All we do know is that you are more powerful than we can imagine and that we can **surrender** our will to yours. We put this day into your hands and ask you to lead us in our thoughts and actions.

Amen

Gospel: Matthew 7: 1-19

Peter, James and John observe an extraordinary event; they observe Jesus, their friend, as he is mystically transformed on a mountainside, with Moses and Elijah appearing beside him. This “transfiguration” must have challenged them, helping them to see that this man was not only human, but he was divine as well.

In our own lives, God is constantly and gently pulling us forward. He pulls us out of our comfortable places towards a fuller relationship with him. Perhaps we have experienced times when we think we have things ‘sorted’ only to be rocked by an event that pulls the rug from under us, leaving us reassessing our previous certainties. In these moments



we can either cling to our way of doing things or open ourselves to what God has in store. He knows what He is doing.

We can also be sure that if we do **surrender** ourselves to God’s plan, there will be uplifting, glorious moments to sustain us on our way.

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