

Sunday 27th September 2020
Making Choices



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

Jesus told this story to the high priest; 'Once there was a man who had two sons. He said to the eldest one, 'Go and work in the vineyard today,' but the son said he would not go because he did not want to. Later on he changed his mind and went off to work.

The man then asked his other son to go and work in his vineyard and he said 'Of course I will,' but then did not go.

Jesus asked the high priests, 'Which one of these sons did what their father asked?'. They replied by saying 'The older one of course.'

Jesus said to them, 'The people you call sinners will enter the Kingdom of God before any of you because they listened and believed what John the Baptist told them. You would not listen and believe and your hearts have not changed.'



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Respond Together...

- Did the older son do what his father wanted right away? At first he chose to do what he wanted and not what was right. Then he had a change of heart and set to work in the vineyard.
- What did the second son do? At first he agreed to work but then he chose to ignore what his father had said and do what he wanted to do instead.
- Why did Jesus compare the older son with the people that the high priests called sinners? The sinners Jesus was talking about were people who had done the wrong thing but then listened to John the Baptist's teachings and realized that they were wrong, just like the older son did.
- Why were the high priests like the second son? The high priests heard John the Baptist's message but did not listen. They weren't willing to admit they had done wrong and they weren't ready to ask God for forgiveness.
- What is the message from this parable? Even if we make the wrong choices, God will always give us a second chance and will welcome us into his Kingdom.

Pray Together... Lord, when I have choices to make, help me to choose the right path. Help me to do the right thing, to say the right thing and to be the best person I can be. Amen.

