



A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community

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“As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you” (2 Kings 2:2)

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Today’s passage from Kings highlights two messages that are crucial for us to remember as we live our daily lives—the importance of committing to Jesus and his commandments throughout the storms of life, and that God’s commandments are for *everyone* to follow. As I was reading through the passage, one theme repeatedly stuck out to me— the king went up to the temple with *all* the people. He didn’t just take the elders and the priest— but invited all people, small and great, to hear the words of God because they were so important. This serves as a reminder that we all have a responsibility to uphold our commitments to God— through the good, the bad, and the ugly. We all know that life can be crazy, and sometimes our commitment to Jesus can get lost in that.

In chapter 23, the king made a promise to the Lord that he and his people would follow and serve Him— just as we do when we renew our baptismal promises. Today’s reading reminds us of the importance of reviewing our own personal commitments to faith and spirituality and the significance of living out those commitments through incorporating Him in all that we do. Jesus is not just for church on Sundays— we can find and serve Him everywhere! We can see Him in the love we share with our family and friends, in the wind and the birds chirping in the morning, and yes, even when stuck in traffic on the drive home after a long day. It is so important that when following Jesus with our whole hearts and souls that we see him everywhere, in everything. This not only help us strengthen our relationship with Jesus, but can allow us to share God’s love with the world.

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