



**Gospel Reflection for Mk 13:24-32  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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With everyday that God has given us, how many times a day do you think about the sacrifices that Jesus has done just to save us? Do you really understand the reason behind His suffering? Every time we do something, do we just think about ourselves or do we take into consideration the feelings of other people? Do you really trust God with all your heart? These are some of the most asked question in the everyday lives that people go through.

We should cherish every moment that we would be able to spend with our loved ones. This is what I realized. Be thankful for everything that you have and never take them for granted for only God knows when they will be taken away from us. I have seen some of my close friends lose their loved ones and I know the pain that they felt at that very moment. It's like wanting to shout out to the world "Why him?!" but I don't really know how they recover from all the pain that this loss causes them. This then makes me think, why was God able to sacrifice His only Son? How was He able to accept His loss? Then I realized that He did this because He had better plans for His people. Sacrificing the life His own Son was just a challenge that He had to face; a sacrifice that He had to make for the sake of all His people. God did this because He has faith in His people. That if they were given a second chance in life, they would realize their mistakes and change for the better. This gospel teaches us that we should never loose faith. That we should always trust God, and that we should never give up. The end of the world may come, but no one really knows when except for our Father. And if we have faith in Him, He will surely save us. He will never let us down as long as we just believe in His glory.

Now I realize how people who loose their loved ones recover. Their faith in God helps them surpass all the pain that they are feeling. Their faith is their assurance that that loved one of theirs who passed away is safe and happy with God. This is where the teaching "You're faith will set you free." applies to. Live your life to the fullest; enjoy everyday that God has given you; continue to do the things that make you happy. But with all these, never forget to have faith in God. Have faith and God will surely be with you every day of your life.