

Reflection Saturday 2nd Week Lent 2024

The parable of the two sons so familiar offers much for reflection which each of us is called to do. Anthony de Mello sj offers a story about the choices we make. Each of us can make a different choice when called by God.

Jesus taught in parables.

The kingdom of God is like two brothers who were called by God to give up all they had and serve humanity. The older brother responded to the call though he had to tear himself away from his fiancée and his family and go off to a distant land to spend himself in the service of the poor. Years later he was imprisoned for his work, tortured and put to death. And the Lord said, *“Well done my good and faithful servant! You gave me a thousand measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”* The younger boy ignored the call. He married the girl he loved and prospered in his business. He was kind to his wife and children and gave occasional alms to the poor. And when he came to die, the Lord said, *“Well done my good and faithful servant! You gave me twenty measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”* When the older boy was told that his brother was to receive the same reward as he, he was surprised. And he rejoiced. *“Lord,”* he said, *“had I known this at the time you called me I know I would have done exactly what I did for love of you.”*