

THE EXAMPLE OF NOAH: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, WEEK VI, YEAR I

GENESIS 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10; PSALM 29; MARK 8:14-21

In the first reading of today, we read that God was displeased with the unfaithfulness of humankind. He decided to deal decisively with evil by cleansing creation.

As prevalent as evil was, God still saw and singled out a man named Noah, he was upright, faithful and obedient to God. Noah maintained his uprightness amid widespread and deep-rooted corruption.

Noah could not beat them but he didn't join them, through him, God started a new order of creation.

From Noah, let us learn not to allow pressure, provocation, influence, threat, antagonism and opposition force us to compromise our faithfulness to God, our integrity and moral excellence. It truly pays to stand with God even when we lack the support and affirmation of others.

In the Gospel, Jesus chastised his disciples for not learning from His past miracles to understand the present. We also deserved to be chastised if we do not learn from the example of Noah and other people who stood against the crowd and held unto their faithfulness to God and how they were blessed greatly by God.