

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 *Hebrews 5:7-9 * John 12:20-33*

“Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” – John 12:25

Today’s scripture from the Gospel sounds kind of confusing. Most of us like our lives. It is hard to understand why we would lose it just because we like it. But I think that Jesus is looking deeper than what meets the eye. In different words, “whoever loves his life *more than God* will lose it and whoever *puts God first* will gain eternal life.” If we live our lives only to please ourselves, we lose out in the end. But if we learn to put God first in our lives, we take steps closer to being with him forever in heaven.

*Dear Lord, help me to put you first, even before all the things I want. Teach me to seek you in **all** I do.*

What are ways I put myself ahead of God? How can I make a change to start putting God before myself?

