

Reflection Question of the Week

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

September 27, 2026

Have you ever said “no” when someone asked you to do something, but then changed your mind and did it anyway? What made you change your mind?

Children

Where in your life might God be inviting you to move beyond simply saying “yes” to actually putting your faith into action?

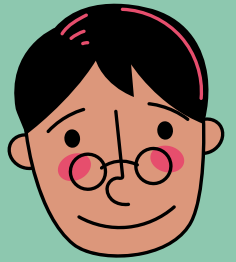
Adults

Have you ever known you should do something right but resisted at first? What helps you move from knowing what is right to actually doing it?

Teens

How do we respond when someone in our family changes their mind, admits they were wrong, and chooses to do the right thing?

Families





The Word of God

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the **vineyard** today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and **prostitutes**

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of **righteousness**,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Gospel Glossary

A **vineyard** is a place where grapes are grown on grapevines.

Tax collectors in Rome were not always honest. Since they worked for the Romans, they were hated and scorned.

Prostitutes are people who accept money from others in exchange for sinful acts.

Righteousness means doing what is right and living in a way that pleases God.

Closing Prayer

Forgiving God, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry toward the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen.