

In today's readings, God overwhelms those whom God has called.

Isaiah has a vision of God in all God's glory! Imagine. His response is to say: Woe is me! I am doomed!

St. Paul remembers his dramatic call on the road to Damascus, and says that he is not fit to be an apostle, for he persecuted Jesus' followers.

When Peter throws the nets back into the water at Jesus' command, the boats become so full they are in danger of sinking! Peter's response is to ask Jesus to leave him for he knows his own sinfulness.

Think of a time when you were overwhelmed by God's abundant generosity and love. How did you respond?

The love of God helps us to see ourselves as we are: as kind and compassionate, and in our sinfulness and our unworthiness.

It is an honest assessment of who we are. We are loved by God beyond our wildest imagination; and we are weak and sinful. It is the paradox of the mystery of God's love.

Today let us reflect on this paradox. Can we accept both sides of ourselves and embrace our call to be a compassionate people, a people of peace, a community of faith and hope for others?

Yes, because we are so loved!