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In today's reading from Deuteronomy, the people of Israel are implored to follow God's commands, so that He may be able to fulfill His promise to them. The Gospel reminds us that a person who breaks a commandment is not only responsible for their actions, but also the souls of others that they have led astray by their poor example. We are directed by God to teach through example.

Our Lenten study book by Rick Warren tells us our time on earth is a temporary assignment - preparing for eternity with God.

This day, the Church honors two saints who converted to Christianity and embraced their lives on earth as temporary assignments.

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity both lived in a time when the laws of men challenged the commandments and teachings of God. They chose to trust in God, knowing that the emperor persecuted Christians and would demand their execution. These two Saints were truly Christ's ambassadors. They served faithfully, looked forward to their reward in eternity, and died in faith. The example they set by choosing to live and trust completely in the Lord led many souls to convert to Christianity.

So let us take the remainder of Lent to each consider our temporary assignment here on earth to serve as ambassadors of Christ.