

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Matthew 17:1–9**

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

### **Truths for growing in our journey of faith:**

#### **1. Jesus uses both the peaks and the valleys to build our faith.**

### **2 Peter 1:12–18**

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things. 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

#### **2. Intimacy with Jesus brings about urgency of mission.**

#### **3. The journey of faith is all about listening to the voice of Jesus.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Read the passage of Scripture together as a group.**

**Have you ever had a time when you've been so excited about something or maybe even so nervous about something that had happened or was about to happen and you didn't know what to do?**

**Share a time in your life where Jesus was with you in a peak in your life.**

**Share a time when you have experienced him in a valley.**

**How has this sermon series ministered to you?**

**As we studied the transfiguration this week, what does this passage show us about who God is?**

**Have you ever noticed that when humanity interacts with divinity that humanity cannot help but fall to their knees and tremble in reverent fear? Have you ever had a moment like this?**

**What is the Lord speaking to you during this season of peaks and valleys?**