

Mountains & Valleys

Sunday Morning, August 2, 2015

Introduction:

Was it a Mountain Top Experience When:

- ✝ Joshua saw the Walls of Jericho Fall
- ✝ Jonah was in the belly of the Giant Fish
- ✝ The Samaritan Woman believed in Jesus

What Mountain Top Experiences Have You Had With God? _____

I. A Mountain Top Experience With God (Luke 9: 28 – 36)

28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

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35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”

36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Coming off the Mountain Top, embrace what God has for you to do in the Valley.

II. In the Valley, Eat, That You May Be Full of Faith! (Luke 9: 37 – 42)

37 Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

38 Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child.

39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”

41 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”

42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

The Valley of Doubt

(John 4: 30 – 34)

30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.
31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”
32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”
33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”
34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Spiritual Food

(Mark 10:27)

27 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

Faith in His Power

Overcome doubt by doing His Will, by His Power, that our faith in Him will be full!

III. Know Your Role In His Kingdom!

(Luke 9: 46 – 48)

46 Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.
47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,
48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”

Be Humble Servants

(Luke 9: 49 – 50)

49 Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”
50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side.”

Support All of God's Kingdom Work

Do You Know Your Role in God's Kingdom Work?

Conclusion:

Remember To:
Enjoy Mountain Top
Experiences With God
Equip Yourself
With Spiritual Food
Experience the Role
God Has For You in His Kingdom
Embrace Life From
God's Kingdom Perspective