



Matthew

17:1-9

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Two Sides of the Mountain

¹⁷ 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.

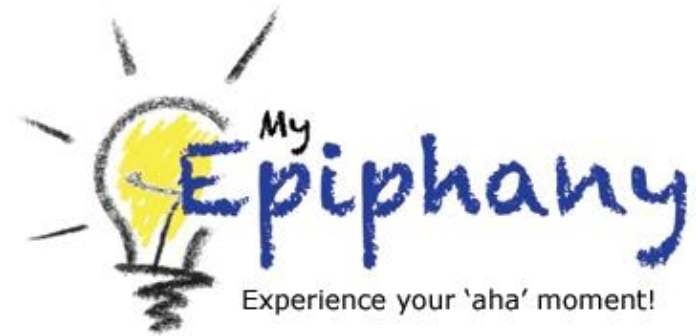
⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped 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.”

There's an old rabbinic saying: "The day is short and the task is great and the laborers are idle and the wage is abundant and the master of the house is urgent." Are you ready to see? Are you ready to go?



✧ Life is filtered through **EXPECTATIONS**

It is not a matter of whether you have them, but how they shape your life, limit your faith and create your future.

✧ Confront the **EASY ANSWERS** of ignorance

“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.” v 4

✧ Confront the **TRUTH**

“a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’” v 5

✧ Confront the **HARD QUESTIONS**

“Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

LIVE REDEMPTIVELY

Bible Study – we see the world as it is and as it could be

Worship –we experience the radiance and Glory of God

Service – learn how they work together synergistically

CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY

I have a VISION of a generous church...

GENEROUS in their praise of God and care of others.

GENEROUS with their resources to fulfill a mission that is challenging, inspiring, and life changing.

GENEROUS with their enthusiasm for the Body of Christ.

GENEROUS with their hearts, their enthusiasm and their hospitality.

As we approach Lent, I hope you will develop some kind of personal habit or discipline that involves understanding that your life is so full you can afford to give in all kinds of ways to other people. I consider that to be baseline spirituality.

Generosity, or the lack thereof, is perhaps the most telling evidence of faith, character and values.

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”

Mother Teresa

“We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing

happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination.” –
C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*
