

Mark 9:2-13

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone.

There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

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Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

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Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

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And they asked him, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.”

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Henri Nouwen

We don't take the spiritual life seriously if we do not set aside time to be with and listen to God. Without [doing so], it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life. If we really believe God not only exists but also is actively present in our lives – healing, teaching, guiding – we need to set aside a time and space to give God our undivided attention.

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Chris Hall

When God speaks, he tends to whisper.

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Acts 13v1-3

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manaen, and Saul. *While they were worshipping* the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

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Richard Foster

When people are gathered for genuine worship,
‘They are like a heap of fresh and burning coals
warming one another as a great strength and
freshness and vigor of life flows into all.’

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One log by itself cannot burn for very long, but when many logs are put together, even if they are poor logs, they can make quite a fire. Remember the counsel of Prov 27:17 that “Iron sharpens iron,” and even rather dull lives can help each other if we are willing to try.

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So go, even if you don't feel like it. Go, even if worship has been discouraging and dry before.

Go, praying. Go, expecting. Go, looking for God to do a new and living work among you. Go, trusting that in your gathered worship, God will speak.

Go. Listen. Trust. Obey.