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WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"Listen to Him!"

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"If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah" (Matthew 17:4, ESV). That was Peter's response. Peter had just witnessed a most amazing sight, and he responds with a construction project. What had Peter seen?

Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a mountain. Then, right before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:2). Jesus manifests Himself not as an itinerate rabbi, but as someone more glorious than can be imagined. If that isn't enough, Moses and Elijah also appear with Jesus. Yet Peter seems to miss the point.

Though Moses and Elijah are there with Jesus, it is Jesus who is transformed, who becomes altogether glorious on the mountain. The presence of Moses and Elijah perhaps recalls

their own mountain experiences when they spoke with God. Here they are, speaking with God again Jesus! Peter's response is to build three tents.

Thankfully, God the Father redirects Peter's thoughts as suddenly a bright cloud envelopes the three disciples and a voice booms from heaven:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). Just as suddenly, the cloud is gone, Moses and Elijah are gone, and the disciples are left trembling with their faces to the ground. There is only One they are to listen to, and He now comforts them, telling them to rise and have no

fear. Among the things they are to hear is that this glorified Jesus, transfigured before their eyes, is about to experience something totally inglorious death on a cross. This is why Jesus came into the world, to sacrifice Himself for the sin of the world, that all who would believe in Him might have forgiveness of sins, everlasting life, and one day, glory.

Peter, James, and John got a glimpse of that glory on the Mountain of Transfiguration. Those who put their trust in Jesus will one day see that glory, and it will never end, when Jesus returns to judge and to claim the people of His kingdom. That's why the message to the disciples applies to us today: "Listen to Him!" For in Jesus we have all that we need for everlasting life. He paid the price for our sins. Listen to Him and have everlasting life.

Streams Turn Into Rivers



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A mighty river is created from many small streams. With each joining tributary, meandering streams become part of a more powerful force moving with purpose toward a goal. Like a little stream, each of us is capable of becoming part of a more powerful influence for good; God's House is made up of many souls joining to form a spiritual river which can flow through the community, the state, the nation, and ultimately, the world. Our Lord declares in John 7:38, "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Join the river at your house of worship.

Weekly Scripture Reading

1 John 2.7-29	1 John 3.1-24	1 John 4.1-21	1 John 5.1-21	2 John	3 John	Colossians 1.1-23
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