

“Jesus—the Faith-Builder”
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Mark 9:14-32

PROP- Jesus desires to bring us into the mindset/atmosphere/lifestyle of **FAITH**. He is the “Author & the Finisher (completer) of our faith.”

He wants us to walk in the full confidence & assurance of:

- Who He is and all He’s done **FOR US**.
- Who He is and all He can do **IN & THROUGH US**.

1. (What He’s done) FOR US

(“Mount of Revelation”; “transfigured” the word *metamorphosis*. It means, “*All that is inside—fully manifests on the outside*”. Jesus fully revealing who He is! “Cleanest laundry” Luke said, “Glistening” (lightning bolts permeating Him))

HOW MOSES MAY HAVE RESPONDED:

- I saw the after-effects of Your glory as You “passed by.” I can’t believe I’m now looking at You “face-to-face!”
- You’re the One I saw in every sacrifice lamb. In every Feast. In every Law—restoring Your order.
- You are the King—whose Kingdom I saw.
- You are the “goodness” I experienced in the cleft of the rock.
- You were the Rock, following us in the Wilderness—giving us rivers of living water *in the middle of the desert!*
- You were the Manna from Heaven—filling us and sustaining us. Fully satisfying us!
- I saw Your “Cross”—on the doorposts of the Passover.
- My father, Abraham, saw this day (John 8:56)...and he rejoiced!
- This is not an afterthought. Your Law showed me that sin can’t be ignored. It must be accounted for. A penalty price must be paid. You are the ultimate payment. The ultimate sacrifice!
- You truly are **THE Lamb of God!!!**

HOW ELIJAH MAY HAVE RESPONDED:

- You are the One I saw—breathing life into dry bones.
- You are the River of healing—restoring all things!
- You are the One other prophets saw:
 - Daniel’s chief mountain.
 - Jeremiah’s life-giving Branch
 - Isaiah’s tender shoot...Immanuel...the Son given to us; the Child born for us...you are the Arm of the Lord—surely carrying and conquering every enemy (Isaiah 53).
- It’s You!!! (No wonder they glowed!)

They saw Him in light of eternity...yet, Peter saw him in a limited way. He may have been terrified (“No one can see Me and live” Ex. 33:20—“Let’s get You in a tent.”) Whatever the reason, he put Jesus in the same category as Moses & Elijah (i.e., a tent for each of you. Equal treatment.)

Yet, Jesus was patient, gracious: “You’ll understand this after My resurrection.”

(The Author of our faith doesn’t write us off! Persistent!)

2. (What He can do) IN & THROUGH US.

- While Jesus “fully manifested outside who He is on the inside” (*metamorphosis*), the Father said, “Listen to Him” (Lit.- follow Him fully; walk in all of His ways; let your life flow in His train of thought).
- It is the ultimate desire of our Father that we fully experience and powerfully manifest the nature of His Son here on the earth!
 - “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (*metamorphosis*) into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Cor. 3:18)
 - “Be transformed (*metamorphosis*) by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2)
 - “I labor until Christ is formed (*morpho*) in you” (Gal. 4:19)
- THE OBSTACLE to this is UNBELIEF- “*the stubborn refusal to believe*” (NOTE: “Repent and believe”—to change your mind; have new thoughts)
- “The kind of faith you need comes through spending time with Me. Coming under My influence. My ways become your ways” (Mark 9:29) “Have the faith of God” (Mark 11:22).
 - “This kind” (of faith)- *that which is born, brought into existence, seen, manifest*
 - “Come forth”- *be established, appear & fully influence*
- The enemy wants to sabotage your thought life with lies!
 - “As a man thinks—so is he” (Prov. 23:7)
 - If he can steal your thoughts, he can rob you (John 10:10)
- Everything in life is a crisis of faith—what will you believe?
 - WORRY is a down payment on a disaster that hasn’t happened yet.
 - FAITH is an investment in a promise that has yet to be fulfilled.
- “I have given you authority over *serpents & scorpions* (i.e., *demonic fear tactics*)” (Luke 10:18) FEAR is enemy’s primary way of functioning. FAITH is a “shield” that “neutralizes every burning lie” (Ephesians 6:16)

RESPONSE-

Mark 9:24- “Help my unbelief” (i.e., “I trust You at one level. I want to trust You more!”)