

MARK 9 - A WORK IN PROGRESS

The Danger of Old Categories

In Mark 9, Jesus is transfigured (metamorphoō). He isn't just "shining"; He is revealing His full, unshielded glory. Peter responds by suggesting three tents (tabernacles).

- Reverting to the Familiar: When Peter is terrified, he goes back to what he knows—the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:42–43).
- The Irony: Peter wants to build a skēnē (tent) for Jesus, but Jesus is already skēnoō (tabernacling/dwelling) with them in the flesh (John 1:14).

The Lesson: We cannot respond to a new move of God using old, comfortable ways of thinking.

Managing vs. Receiving Holy Moments

Peter "answered" a question that no one asked (Mark 9:6). He tried to control a moment that he should have simply witnessed.

- The Control Impulse: We try to "manage" God's presence with noise, busywork, or opinions because silence feels uncomfortable.
- Holy Moments are meant to be received, not managed.
- Whether it is a time of worship, a personal trial, or a moment of doubt, we must learn to follow God's lead rather than taking the lead ourselves.

The Paradigm Shift: Jesus Alone

God the Father interrupts Peter with a command: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

- The Equality Trap: Peter put Moses (The Law) and Elijah (The Prophets) on the same level as Jesus.
- The Shift: We often elevate "good things" (family, work) or "bad things" (worries, problems) to the same level as God.
- The Reality: Nothing is on the same scale as Jesus.

Adjusting Your Inputs

To change your output (your life and reactions), you must change your input (what you feed your mind).

- Transformation: We are changed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).
- Intentionality: What are you feeding yourself during leisure? (Podcasts, Scripture, Worship vs. Mindless Noise).
- Growth: In Mark, Peter speaks out of fear. In Acts 10, after the Spirit comes, Peter responds to the unknown with patience and prayer.

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