



Jesus' Story

Mark 1:9-13, "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"




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Mark 9:2-8, "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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Mark 9:2-8, "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.)"



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Mark 9:2-8, "Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus."



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- Some people look at Jesus' encounters with the Father and think, 'Yeah, but that's Jesus.'
- Jesus encountered God in the gentle whispers, and in the manifest presence of God. (baptism; transfiguration)
- Jesus is our model. So, why did Jesus need an encounter with God like these?



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First, we need encounters with the Father, because it helps our relationship with the Father.

- The Father is the source of all life, and we receive life from Him in every encounter – big or small. (Jesus fully human; baptism & temptation)

(monastery) (transfiguration – glowed)



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Second, we need these encounters with the Father because we need his love and affirmation. "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

- The Father's love revealed to us is the foundation of a healthy, secure soul. (not performance) (earthquake proof)

- We need to sink our roots deep into the everlasting love of God. (retirement)



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Third, we need these encounters with the Father because we need the power of the Spirit in our lives.

- We need God's power to live a godly life. (bitterness & hurt)
- We need God's power to bring about God's will ('on earth as it is in heaven'). (talk; pray for sick; witness) (Rich)



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