

Matthew 17:14-20

Bring Him to Me

A lasting impression ...

I. Desperate Situation

A. Back in the Valley

B. An Afflicted Son

C. A Dad on His Knees

D. A Failed Effort

II. Frustrated Savior

A. A Faithless Generation

B. Another Miraculous Healing

III. Perplexed Disciples

A. A Question of Failure

B. An Answer of Faith

C. Beyond the Mountain

... for everyday living

Applications: 5 Lessons from the Valley

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Children, Listen ...

1. Why did the dad need to see Jesus?
2. What did Jesus do for him?
3. What do we learn about Jesus from what happened?

Life in the Valley

We have all probably had what many call “mountain top experiences,” those times of sweet, heightened devotion when we sense God’s glory and presence in a very special way. Then we get back into the daily grind of life with its routines, challenges, trials and sorrows and things can seem a little dim. The disciple’s experience illustrates something like this. They were up on the mountain where Jesus was transfigured where they beheld glorious things, but then, when they came back down to where the crowds were, the same old burdens of life greeted them. The thing that did not change was the fact that Jesus was with them. The same Jesus who had just appeared to them in the splendor of divine light accompanied them back into a situation that was gloomy and dim with conflict, brokenness and dark spiritual influences. That fact illustrates well for us a major key to stability in life’s fluctuating motions and moods: Jesus is with us. Even though He is now seated at the right hand of glory, He is ever present not only by virtue of the fact that He is the second person of the Trinity, but also through the ministry of the Holy Spirit Who He sent following His ascension. Jesus, Who reigns in Heaven, is with us in life’s ups and downs – what a great comfort for us as we journey through this life full of wonderful highs and dreadful lows and everything imaginable in between.