

**NOW I SEE**  
**Luke 9:28-36**

**I. MOUNTAIN TOP MOMENTS**

- A. *“Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.” (Luke 9:28)*
- B. We’ve All Had Them.
  - 1. They are times when we felt like we were on top of the world.
  - 2. We felt we were close to God and really in tune with God’s plan.
  - 3. It was graduation, baptism, your wedding, the birth of a child, church camp, a spiritual retreat.
- C. What Goes Up Must Come Down!
  - 1. “Well, I don’t know what will happen now. We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn’t matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountain top ... Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
  - 2. Moses on Mt. Sinai, Elijah on Mt. Carmel, and Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.
  - 3. This was a detour and not a destination.

**II. ENABLE US TO SEE GOD’S GLORY**

- A. *“Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory ...” (Luke 9:32)*
- B. It’s Easy to Miss God’s Glory.
  - 1. Wake up!
  - 2. We usually experience God’s glory when we are seeking, struggling or wrestling.
  - 3. A sense of sin will enable us to see God’s glory.
- C. Encountering God.
  - 1. What we want: approval, consolation and affirmation, on our terms.
  - 2. What we need: forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption, on God’s terms.

**III. AND CALLS FOR TRANSFORMATION**

- A. *“As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.” (Luke 9:34)*
- B. Communion with God Always Transforms.
  - 1. “The meaning of the coming of Christ into the world lies in a real transformation of human nature ... in Christianity, the central idea is that of transfiguration, not justification.” (Nicholas Bergaev)
  - 2. “Prayer is more than petition. It’s more than simply begging God to do something for us. It’s being with God, sharing our life with God, opening ourselves to receive the fullness of God’s Spirit, to allow God to do in us what he wishes to do.” (Maxie Dunnam)
- C. Two Types of Transformation:
  - 1. People transformation. 2. Situation transformation.

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**Christian Sympathy** is extended to **Anne Miller and family** in the death of her sister-in-law, **Marguerite Miller**, who died on Saturday, February 10.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

O Loving God, we thank you for moments of strengthening. Let this time of worship be a mountaintop from which we can see clearly what has gone before, and what opens up ahead. Show us the paths we’ve walked to get to this moment – mistakes made, and the pain that caused in our lives and in the lives of others – accomplishments achieved, and the good this did in the lives of others, time used up that will not come again.

Show us what opens up before us – special opportunities for saying something or doing something that will make all the difference in someone’s life, temptations that will appeal to us and demand not only our surrender but our honor as well, opportunities, both good and bad.

Speak to us from this mountaintop of worship. Send our hearts out to those in sorrow for the loss of loved ones, to those tested in special ways, to those who need you and will find you only in our caring. Above all, forgive us for our blunders, and save us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### LUKE 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they awakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah – not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### In the Sanctuary:

February 18	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>	6:30 p.m.
February 25	<i>The Devil of a Time</i> First Sunday in Lent	Luke 4:1-13
March 4	<i>The Journey to Jerusalem</i> Holy Communion	Luke 13:31-35

#### On the Radio (1450 AM):

February 25	<i>What’s Heaven Like?</i>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
March 4	<i>Being Hard to Please</i>	Philippians 4:4-10