**PORTRAIT of GLORY**

*Mark 9:2-8*

**SERMON SUMMARY…**

How often do you think about the glory of Jesus? All the time? Occasionally? Rarely? The truth is that Jesus’ glory is what assures us of the promises he has made and the divinity that he declared. The challenge is that, too often, instead of setting our eyes on Jesus’ glory, we are easily distracted by the things of this world and we miss out on what Jesus wants to do in and through us. Jesus shared this moment of revealing his glory to the disciples to give them hope for the suffering that they would go through in seeing Jesus crucified, but as well as the suffering that they would encounter as they followed Jesus and continued to profess His message, that is the Gospel. By setting our eyes on Jesus’ glory we are able to have hope for today and our future.

**BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION**

1. Read [Mark 9: 2-8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9%3A+2-8+&version=NLT) –What is beautiful about this moment? How do Moses and Elijah fit in to this scene, and what do they represent (*the law and the prophets*)? What do you think they are talking about with Jesus? What do you learn about man (you), Jesus and God, from reading these verses? Specifically, what are some characteristics of Jesus that we learn about from this text?
2. Read [2 Corinthians 3:18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+3%3A18+&version=NLT) – Who is it talking about when the scripture says “to those with the veils removed can reflect His glory”? How is this veil removed (see verses 13-16)? In what ways do you remain veiled to the Word of God? When the Lord is referred to as the “spirit in you”, what or who is being referred to? How is the Holy Spirit making you look more and more like Jesus? Do you ever think of yourself as reflecting Jesus’ glory? Why or why not?
3. Read [Hebrews 12:1-2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+12%3A1-2+&version=NLT) – What makes you weary to “run the race”, and what gives you hope and endurance to run the race? These verses describe aspects of Jesus that are important to keep in mind when we need help and hope. Which stand out to you and why? Do you feel like your faith is being perfected? If so, share how God is working in you and growing you. If not, share some struggles that you have with the group.

**REFLECT…**

Reflect on the question “What tents am I building?” What things in your life keep you from reflecting the glory of Jesus to others because you have taken your eyes off Jesus?

**PRAY**: Take time to repent of any “tents” you’ve built and for taking your gaze off Jesus. Earnestly pray for Jesus to help you set your gaze on him and to help see how beautiful, holy, magnificent and glorious he really is!