



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark **PART 32 - 9:14-19**

WHEN THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE VALLEY

READ: Mark 9:14–15 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why is the contrast between the Transfiguration on the mountain and the chaos in the valley such an important part of the story? How does that same dynamic show up in our lives?
- 2) How does Paul's command to "give thanks in everything" speak into moments where life feels more like the valley than the mountaintop?
- 3) Pastor G said: "Glory without the cross would distort the gospel." What do you think he meant by that?
- 4) When have you felt like the disciples—under pressure, outnumbered, or spiritually exhausted? What helped you steady your faith during that time?

ARGUMENTS IN THE CROWD, ANSWERS IN JESUS

READ: Mark 9:16–17 and Genesis 3:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does Jesus accomplish by asking, "What are you discussing with them?" even though He already knows the answer?
- 2) How does this story illustrate your line from the sermon: "Every argument about Jesus is resolved only in the presence of Jesus"?
- 3) Pastor G said: "He respects us by hearing us out first." What do you think that reveals about God's character?
- 4) Why is it significant that the person who finally answers Jesus is not a scribe, not a disciple, but a desperate father?

VICARIOUS FAITH AND THE FATHER WHO WON'T QUIT

READ: Mark 9:17–18 and Mark 2:1–12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does this passage teach us about intercessory faith—faith exercised on behalf of someone who cannot speak or act for themselves?
- 2) How does the father's perseverance ("I brought You my son") challenge the way we pray for people we love?
- 3) Pastor G said: "That's all faith really is: bringing what's broken to Jesus." What do you think?
- 4) Where in your life do you need to practice enduring, vicarious, or costly faith like this father?

WHEN FAITH FALTERS AND JESUS STILL SAYS, 'BRING HIM TO ME'

READ: Mark 9:18–19 and Philippians 4:6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus' words, "O unbelieving generation," are a lament of grief rather than a statement of anger?
- 2) How does the disciples' moment of failure help us understand the difference between believing IN Jesus and believing LIKE Jesus?
- 3) Pastor G said: "Every 'O faithless generation' ends with 'Bring him to Me.' That's the Gospel." What does that mean for us today?
- 4) What burden—spiritual, relational, emotional, or physical—do you need to "bring to Jesus" this week rather than carrying alone or debating in your own mind?