



Week 26: **The Transfiguration** ~ (Luke 9:28-36, Matt 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8)

Today's Text: Luke 9:28-36

Luke...

²⁸ About *eight days later* Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. ³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen. (Luke 9:28–36 NLT-SE)

- **Before we talk about The Transfiguration** (*Whatever THAT is?*), **we need to be able to SEE!** See what, you say? Revelation from the Lord that will **enable, equip** and **encourage** us to move forward! See the Cloud of Witnesses!
 - Lovers of God have been given eyes to see with spiritual discernment and ears to hear from God. (Prov 20:12 Passion)
- **Growing in our capacity to "See"**
 - **EYES.** Everybody has spiritual eyes. Open them! Increase your awareness!
 - **DESIRE.** Where is your desire set? "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col 3:2 KJV) It's not about turning your head to see, but turning your heart (*Your "heart" is the spiritual person you are*) toward what you want to see.
 - **IMAGINATION.** ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Eph 1:17–19 NIV) The word heart is the Greek word, *dianoia* (*not cardia*), which means thought, understanding, imagination, insight, comprehension, or intention. The greek word here for eyes is, *photizo*, which means photograph. So, Paul is literally praying that the **eyes** of their **imagination** would take a **photograph**. This comes through practice. It is cultivated in our lives.

- **FOCUS.** “Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good (*single, healthy, sound clear*), your whole body is filled with light. (Matt 6:22 NLT-SE) There is a spiritual principal that say, “What you focus on, you will connect to.”
- **CONSISTENCY.** Faith stands the best of time. Consistency will result in faith. The ones who show up every day will stick around. “You will also no longer have bad days. You will only have My goodness and love. Some days My goodness and love will allow you to enjoy the day while other days My goodness and love will allow you to endure it.” Joseph Sturgeon. Being consistent is simply the realization that the goodness of God is in your life ALL THE TIME!
- **Transfigure:** To exalt or glorify by changing the outward appearance.
 - **“The appearance of his face was...**
 - transformed (NLT, NET)
 - altered (ESV, NKJV)
 - changed (NIV)
 - became different (NASB)
 - **“and his clothes...**
 - became dazzling white (NLT, ESV)
 - became white and glistening (NKJV)
 - became bright as a flash of lightening (NIV)
 - became white and gleaming (NASB)
 - was white and glistening (KJV)
- **At the transfiguration three events occurred:**
 - Jesus’ face and clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. This would have immediately reminded those present of Moses’ face shining with a bright light when he received the tablets of the Law (Ex. 34:29-35).
 - Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus. The bodies of Moses and Elijah were never found. God buried Moses’ body (Deut. 34:5-6), and Elijah did not die but was taken up to heaven (2 Kings 2:11-12, 15-18). These two men represent the beginning and the end of Israel, for Moses, as the Lawgiver, founded the nation, and Elijah is to come back before the great and terrible day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5-6).
 - Moses and Elijah spoke about His departure which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. “Departure” referred to Jesus’ leaving the world through which He would bring salvation—much as Yahweh had brought deliverance to Israel in its Exodus (departure) from Egypt. This departure was to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. From this point on, Jesus indicated several times that He was headed toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51, 53; 13:33; 17:11; 18:31). Jesus did not want His miracles widely publicized at that time, for the fulfillment had to be at Jerusalem. This was confirmed by Elijah’s and Moses’ words.
- **The words of the Father (v. 35)**
 - “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.” (Luke)
 - “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.” (Matthew)
 - “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.” (Mark)

- The words of the Father at the baptism of Jesus...

- “A voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.” (Luke 3:22 NLT-SE)

- Finishing the Race the “Hero’s of the faith started”...

- ³⁹ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us. (Heb 11:39–40 NLT-SE)
- ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. (Heb 12:1–2 NLT-SE)
- ²² “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace. (Acts 20:22–24 NIV)
- ⁶ As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. (2 Tim 4:6–8 NLT-SE)