

# I HAVE DECIDED

## DAY 4 Read Luke 9:41-43 focusing on the Boy.

Try to imagine what it was like to be this boy – what was he thinking and feeling as he came toward Jesus? How did the demon affect the boy and what does this show you about Satan’s plan for your life? What’s your view on demon-possession and what’s your experience/exposure to this? As part of the crowd that day, what was your response to Jesus?

## DAY 5 Read Luke 9:28-43 focusing on the Mountain & the Valley.

What’s your main lesson from the mountain here? Write an application statement you can actually practice. What’s your main lesson from the Valley – write it also as an application statement that you can actually practice. Now describe the last time you felt like you were on a “mountaintop” with God. Describe a Valley you have recently walked through. Pray with your group.



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## “Seeking God of the Mountain & the Valley”

Luke 9:28-43

*“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”* Luke 9:23 NLT

“We are not made for the mountains, for sunrises, or for the other beautiful attractions in life— those are simply intended to be moments of inspiration. We are made for the valley and the ordinary things of life, and that is where we have to prove our stamina and strength.” -- Oswald Chambers

## How to Thrive on the Mountain & Survive in the Valley

### MP #1 – Seek God not the Glory.

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

Luke 9:28-31 NLT

## **MP #2 – Seek God’s Presence not an Experience.**

*“Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus’ glory and the two men standing with him.... 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.” But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them. Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.” When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn’t tell anyone at that time what they had seen.”*

Luke 9:32-36 NLT

*“...Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts.”*

2Pet.1:16-19 NLT

## **VP #1 – Expect the Valley to test the reality of my faith.**

*“The next day, after they had come down the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. A man in the crowd called out to him, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, my only child. An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone. I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn’t do it.”*

*Jesus said, “You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you and put up with you?” Then he said to the man, “Bring your son here.”*

Luke 9:37-41 NLT

*“For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”*

James 1:3-4 NLT

## **VP #2 – Expect the Valley to expose my dependence on God.**

*“As the boy came forward, the demon knocked him to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy. Then he gave him back to his father. Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God’s power.”*

Luke 9:42-43 NLT

## **DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE \_\_\_\_ Mar.7-12, 2022**

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

### **DAY 1 Read Luke 9:28-31 focusing on Jesus.**

What happened right before this event on the mountain? Why do you think Jesus only took Peter, John & James with him and what might the others have thought? What do you see about Jesus here and what are Moses & Elijah doing there? Why is this moment important for Jesus and what does that tell you? How does your view of Jesus need to be adjusted right now? Pray.

### **DAY 2 Read Luke 9:32-36 focusing on the Disciples.**

What do you notice about the disciples here and how are you just like them? Why would Peter want to build 3 Shelters and how did he recognize Moses & Elijah? Why were they terrified at the cloud covering and what did they need to hear from God at this point? What was their response to all this and what do you think the conversation was like heading down the mountain? Pray & Listen for God’s Voice and direction.

### **DAY 3 Read Luke 9:37-40 focusing on the Dad.**

Down in the valley, what is going on and how would you describe this Dad? Was the Dad frustrated at the disciples or just desperate for Jesus to heal his son? As one of the disciples who failed to heal the boy, what were you thinking? What’s the main lesson for this Dad and the Disciples? Pray for genuine faith.

