May 9

Life of Jesus

The Transfiguration

 Imagine if you can being on a mountain top with Jesus, when suddenly Jesus becomes dazzling white and is joined by Moses and Elijah! We would become frightened and be like the disciples, not know what to say or do.

 Then the top that - Read: Mark 9:7.

 This was truly a “mountain top” experience for the disciples. On the way down the mountain – Read: Mark 9:9. The disciples did not understand all that Jesus commanded but they kept the command.

 This transfiguration or change is a change from within, a change of heart. The Glory of God comes from within, a change of heart. The glory of God comes from within a person.

 Moses represented the law, Elijah the prophesy that came together in the Lord Jesus!

 They came down the mountain to the group of disciples at work teaching and healing. We too have mountain top experiences in the Lord but we have more of the valleys, the everyday work of the Lord.

VERSE FOR TODAY: II Peter 1:19.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you Lord for inspiration for the valleys of life.

May 10

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Back to Work

 Upon joining the rest of the disciples and the crowd closing in around the disciples, and there was an argument in progress about the inability of the disciples to heal a young boy possessed with a spirit. A man came out of the crowd and told Jesus about his son, possessed with an evil spirit that left him deaf and dumb – Read: Mark 9:18-19

 The boy was brought to Jesus and when the spirit saw Jesus it threw the boy into a fit. Jesus asked how long the boy had been like this, his father said since he was young – Read: Mark 9:22b, 23.

 Jesus ordered the spirit to come out of the boy, and it did, after throwing the boy into a big fit and left him almost like dead – Read: Mark 9:27.

 Later the disciples asked Jesus – Read: Mark 9:28b, 29.

 Through faith and prayer anything is possible to us too.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 11:40.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to believe in what I ask for in your Name

May 11

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Fig- tree Parable

 Jesus told this parable about a fig-tree: Read: Luke 13:6-9.

 We are so fortunate to have Jesus to say to the Father give them more time. Jesus knows what our lives can be like, because he was human too. Jesus will give us extra care and hopefully we’ll bear fruit for him. Jesus does not want anyone condemned to eternal darkness.

 We have only so many seasons, determined by God, so we cannot afford to waste time in doing what God has for us to do. We do not know when Jesus will come again; we also don’t know how long we have left in this life! Think about bearing fruit for your Master!

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 4:36.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you for being with me and helping me bear fruit in your Name. Help me to know how I can continue to bear fruit for you during my seasons.

May 12

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The Catch

 The kingdom of heaven is like this. Read: Matthew 13:47-49. Fill in the blanks – Who are the fishermen? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What is their net? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Where is the lake?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What do they catch? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who are all kinds of fish?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When will the net be full? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When will be the division of the fish? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Who are the good ones? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_What is the bucket? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Who the worthless ones? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Where are they thrown away to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 We know in our hearts that we want to be in the bucket, NOT in the garbage!

 The kingdom of heaven is made bigger and Satan’s evil less dangerous by sincere Christians that do not hide the light of Jesus that shines in their hearts under a basket or hide it under their beds but let their light shine so that others can also see their way to Jesus. We must let our light shine like a lighthouse to bring others and help keep others safely in the love of Jesus.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 5:16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I never, O Lord, hide from others the love you have placed in my heart, may your light always shine through me.

May 13

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An Important Question

 The disciples were discussing among themselves as to who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven and not arriving at an answer asked Jesus who was the greatest. There were some children nearby, Jesus called a child over to stand in front of them and told the disciples that if those seeking him did not become like a child they would not enter the kingdom of heaven. We must welcome children in the Name of Jesus, doing so we also welcome him.

 To become child like is to humble ourselves, have the curiosity and excitement in learning about the Lord. In the awe of salvation we will become energetic like a child in the privilege of serving the Lord in His love.

 Jesus gives a warning – Read: Matthew 18:6.

 The fate of a person who does not allow someone to come to the Lord could be the same who cause another to lose their faith for – Read: Matthew 19:14.

 We must become like children and bring our children to the Lord.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Mark 10:15.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I never lose my childlike enthusiasm for you, O Lord, and help others to keep and grow in faith.

May 14

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Forgiveness

 Jesus told this parable to show us that we must forgive others: Read: Matthew 18:21-34.

 The king in this case is God, and we are the servants, if we forgive others, then God will forgive us and vice versa, when God forgives us we must forgive others.

 In the Lord’s Prayer we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we must be very conscience of how we DO forgive others.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 18:35

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O lord, to forgive others with the proper attitude of heart and mind. Thank-you for giving your life so that my sins can be forgiven.

May 15

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A Rich Question

 A very rich young man came to ask Jesus a question about what good thing he must do to go to heaven. Jesus said that it wasn’t good things he needed to do but keep the commandments. Jesus named some of the commandments given to Moses; the young man said he had obeyed the commandments since he was very young.

 Jesus said then in that case that he would need to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor. That was the last thing the rich young man wanted to hear!

 Jesus went on to say it was very difficult for a rich person to get into heaven, not because they are rich but because the rich tend to depend on their riches instead of trusting in the Lord!

 -Read: Matthew 19:25-26.

 No matter what we do we cannot save ourselves, we must have the love of Jesus in our heart and trust God for our salvation.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 19:24

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me to put my trust in you, O Lord.

May 16

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Be Prepared

 Jesus told this parable to keep us alert unto his coming: Read: Matthew 25:1-12.

 The bridegroom in the parable is Jesus and his eminent return, we don’t know how long it will be, we must keep our hearts and lives prepared for our Lord’s coming. We may not be able to have a “deathbed” conversion, it may not be possible to dash out for salvation, because we don’t know how our lives will end or when Jesus will come again.

 We must not put off being put right with God!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 25:13

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for your saving grace. Help me to be prepared at all times for death or your second coming.