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Dear Friends,

Matt. 17:1-13

"Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves." (v.1, ESV)

Jesus is just as present with Peter, James, and John as He led them up the mountain as He was when He was transfigured before them. He was also present with them when they walked down the mountain for they had a discussion with Him on the way down (v. 9). As wonderful as the mountain top experience was for these men, if they had not walked with Jesus up the mountain in the first place, they would have missed it! Equally, we can't stay on the mountain (try as we might) either. This passage has powerful meaning in many ways but an overlooked application is that Jesus is with us! He is with us when we are on the mountain and He is with us when we are in the valley (Ps. 23:4). He is with us in all the in between times as well. He is God with us (and yes, we can talk about that even though Christmas has passed). Let us be like Peter, James, and John, that when Jesus leads us, we go with Him. If He is taking you up the mountain, walk with Him! If He is giving you a fresh glimpse into Himself, be silent as were James and John. As He leads you down the mountain, process what He showed and taught you there (v.10-13). He showed you those things for a reason. And if you find yourself in the valley, He is there too. No height nor depth (Romans 8:39) will separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus because Jesus will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). Walk with Jesus today. You might surprised where He takes you.

Blessings,

Pastor Andy