

Matthew 17:20

“What We Need Is Jesus”

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¹ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” ⁶ And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.” ¹⁰ And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

¹¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. ¹² But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴ And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

²² Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

²⁴ When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?” ²⁵ He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?” ²⁶ Peter said to Him, “From strangers.”

Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. ²⁷ Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

Main Idea: What we need is to see Jesus's glory, to depend upon Jesus's glory, and for Jesus to express and exert His glory.

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Please turn with me.

The gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 17.

That's where our text is going to come from.

We're going to read through the entire chapter, and then we're going to see what the

Lord has to say to us.

After six days, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother.

He led him up to a high mountain by themselves.

It was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the Sun, and his raiment became white.

As he and they were walking, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him, and Peter said to Jesus, well, it's good that we're here.

If you wish, I will make 3 tents here, one for you.

One for Moses and one for Elijah.

He was still speaking.

When behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them.

The voice from the.

Cloud said this is my beloved son, with whom?

I am well.

Please listen to him.

And when the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces.

And were terrified but.

Jesus came to touch them.

And said rise.

And have No Fear when it was localized, they saw no one but Jesus holy.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded and tell no one the vision until the son of man is raised from.

The dead and.

The disciples asked him whether widely described, say.

That Elijah must come.

He answered well.

Roger, does Tom and.

He will restore all things.

But I tell you that Elijah has already come, they did not recognize him, but did him whatever he pleased.

So also the son of man will certainly suffer at their hands.

And then the.

Disciples understood that he was speaking to them of.

John the Baptist.

The crowd made him up there and nearly before him said, Lord, have mercy on my son for his seizures, and he suffers terribly, probably falls into the fire and often into the water.

I brought him to your disciples.

And they could.

Not heal him.

And Jesus answered oh, famous twisted.

Generation how long am I to be with you?

How long am I to bear?

With you bringing here to me.

Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.

And who disciples came to Jesus privately, and said, why could we not packing?

Why could?

We not cast it out.

And Jesus said to them, because of your little faith, where truly I say to you.

If you.

Have the faith, like the grain of a.

Mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move.

From here to there and it will move and.

Nothing will be.

Impossible for you because they were.

Gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them.

The son of man is about to be delivered with the hands of men, and they will.

Kill him and he will be raised on the third day and they were greatly distressed.

Let's pray together.

Heavenly Father, we come to this morning where we thank you for the weight of your world.

We thank you.

For the senior of hands and spiritual.

Songs and songs.

Well, let me just go through this text.

Well, I pray that you.

We watch over something.

That you would convict this subsidy point that you would illuminate our hearts and minds to to see you or.

Well, we can fast, but this week we have.

Not loved you.

With all her heart, soul or straight and we asked her to forgive us for those times that we've sinned against you.

Those times that we've knowingly.

Done it.

But we also ask that you would forgive us for those times we've.

Sinned against you.

We had no idea.

We pray that you would bring those to our mind to convictions and to bring to remembrance so that.

We know.

How to walk more closely to you?

We ask these things, you're.

Holding precious name Amen.

Maybe see it.

So we haven't met yet, said quick introduction.

My name is James Brown.

I've I've heard about my name all my life.

Yeah, literally.

I've heard about my name all.

My life, but I had.

Heard the word Jenny ground.

On my face for I.

Grew up in.

A small small town in Western Kentucky.

My parents made me after my.

Uncle I was in.

2nd grade and I came home crying.

From school.

Because my teacher was making fun.

Of me

She wanted to know if I could see her.

Dance and I had no.

Idea that there was entertainer named James Brown and.

Honestly, at that time my mom and dad.

Had no idea that there was an entertainer named James Brown either.

And I were growing up.

We talked about that and I became a fan of him.

I remember asking my mom and dad.

Sometime well, why not?

The running back James Brown.

And the answer I got from my dad is.

Basically, what's football?

Right so I.

Grew up in.

The city I grew up.

In how they had those folks and.

We didn't listen to anything that wasn't.

Really Christian or gospel radio, unless it was Symphony I.

Grew up with a.

Lot of classical music.

Right so my.

Name is James Brown and I didn't phrase that.

I had no choice because, well, it is my name, so you have to either embrace it or.

Just go through life.

And there's no point to go through life angry, just takes.

Up too much energy and.

Just tiresome, so I've embraced it.

I'm I'm a chaplain in the United States Army. I've been going for a while. I was enlisted from 1994 until 2001.

It took a 10 year gap brick came back in 2011. Currently I served with First Battalion, fifth Special Forces Group at A4 camera.

In Kentucky, so that's why.

I could serve it, that's why you can hang.

Around with, that's where I.

Get to go do.

Fun things with, but that's all really secondary to really.

Primary who I am.

Either way, that's ordered the sovereignty and under the authority.

Of the lordship.

Of Jesus Christ, and he's called me to be a minister.

A preacher at Pastor and.

A missionary I see my role as.

A chaplain in the army as a.

Missionary, that is what I do.

I do some pastoral things, but most importantly I'm a missionary to people that have either never heard of Jesus Christ or they've heard of Jesus Christ.

That looks nothing like the Jesus Christ subscription, right?

And for those of you that he military or didn't didn't build it.

You know exactly what I'm talking about when you see people that know who Christ is, but he looks nothing like the Christ of Scripture, so I get to share that in a lot of times.

My sermons come from questions that get brought up.

Because people come ask me stuff and.

This one actually comes from a question that.

Got brought up a while ago.

That's been sitting in my head.

And my heart.

And I haven't.

Been able to shake it.

You know it's one.

Of those thoughts that just haunt.

You and this is what comes from it and this idea at the end of the passage we read.

Where Jesus said, oh, you have little faith.

If you just had a fake the size of a grain of mustard seed, you could have said to them on move from here to there they would have done it and nothing was going to be impossible for you.

And the question was not what does that.

Mean the question that I asked.

Was how do I have the faith of a?

Grain of mustard seed.

Because what happens and I grew up in church all my life.

What happens?

A lot of times.

Is if we take these snippets?

These quotes you guys have the faith, the size of a grain of mustard seed and we make them into something that it's not.

We turned that idea of.

The faith of the size of the brain of a mustard seed into a works based theology, you know?

I just have a little.

Bit more fame.

Then when I pray for someone, they're going to be healed.

If I pay for.

Someone living in.

Very spice.

If I have just a little bit more faith and I can get another promotion, I get a better job.

I have a little more faith in the relationship that I have that's about to fall apart will fall apart.

And what we do is we make it into a workspace theology based upon us, and so then what happens when we train.

We try to find that faith on our own.

And then when you're ready to get falls apart.

Or what happens when we pray for that little bit extra faith and the person will pray for gets healed, but it's not on this side of the world.

It's on the other.

Side of death.

Well, then what happens?

Is our belief in the accuracy the inerrancy?

And the viability of Scripture begins to fall apart.

And we begin to look at Jesus, maybe as something different, and maybe this whole crisis is not for me.

After all for someone else because I tried it and.

It didn't work.

So what I'm going to do today is I'm going to take a quick 30,000 foot view.

Of Matthew 17.

Because I think what Jesus is saying when he says if you have the fame of the greater mustard seed, you'll say you're not moving really there, it will.

Nothing will be impossible you.

I think he means something different than simply try harder.

Like I know he means something different.

Than simply try harder.

Just a quick overview, if you look back in Matthew Chapter 16, Matthew Chapter 16 is this amazing chapter.

I'm not going to.

Read it to highlight it.

Right, the Matthew chapter 16 summary on verse 13 is this great confession appear.

Because Jesus is saying.

Who do?

People say I am.

And Peter says, well, you are the Christ, the son of.

The living God.

And so Peter makes this amazing confession about who Jesus actually is, and then immediately, Jesus says, listen, here's what's.

Going to happen now.

You said that.

Let me tell you a little bit more, I'm gonna be given over to the scribes and Pharisees.

Somebody killed and Peter says.

Right, so we left Jesus saying Peter, great job.

It's been revealed to you that I'm with Christ and because of the Carson, will give you a little bit more.

I'm glad I have to suffer and.

Be crucified for your sins and Peter.

Says no, not on my watch.

You're not going to do that.

And so Peter goes from this great confession to ignore the crisis single.

Living God through.

Jesus looking him in the face and say we get the.

Home we say, just have that.

I feel like we're.

All like that at some point in.

Our time I know I am.

I know there's a moment while we're talking to someone or I can tell.

Him this is.

Who Jesus is and this is what he.

Wants for your.

Life, and here's how he can save you.

And in the exponent, I'll turn around.

Our gossip about somebody.

Well, so that's not really what Jesus means when he says that I'll.

Just diminish someone.

And I can hear in.

My head sometimes Jesus saying.

Get behind me.

Satan, so go to this other point. It started with 24.

We said if anyone would come after me, let him deny.

Himself and take.

Up his cross and follow me.

The the research what what Charlemagne did in return for his own self when the son of man is going to come with angels and glory to his father, we will repay each person according to what he's done.

So just in.

A few persons we go home.

You're the crisis or little God too.

Do I have to die with either saying maybe or not to get behind me?

Satan to Jesus saying listen, all of you are going to have to suffer.

All of you are going to have to take up your cross.

And that's when we get into chapter 17.

Well, I'm going to spend the rest of.

My time this.

Morning in chapter 17.

There's a few things out of Chapter 17, but I really want to highlight it well because.

We want to get back to.

That question what does it mean when Jesus says the faith of a grain of mustard seed?

The first thing I would highlight is simply.

This is that Peter made this massive mistake.

Take a look at me.

Take that look with me again in chapter 17, verses one through four, he says after six.

Days Jesus took within.

Peter, James, and John and his brother and bring them up on a high mountain by themselves and.

He was transfigured.

Before them in the state shown like the sun.

And this whole became why it's called looking wise.

Right and behold, there appeared to them Moses, and Elijah, talking with him.

And Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good that we're here, if you wish.

I will make 3 tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

So we have another great mistake by Peter.

Zombies High Mountain Jefferson, James and John Price.

And this amazing event happens.

There's a similarity here to Exodus.

Actually chapter 24.

Yes, it's at 24 sleeping, so this little girl. Well I'm outside on Mount Sinai and the cloud covered the cloud.

The floor covered for six.

Days on the 7th day he called Moses, so never say six days and wait on the segmentation into this top mountain.

In in the Book of Matthew, Jesus doesn't go off by himself with Peter, James, and John that.

Often, but he does.

He's up there in.

His head and his clothes become white, his face becomes transfigured.

It's this magical moment.

Magical is a horrible word to say, but it's a magical moment, right?

Because these are completely different, and what?

Peter, James and John or.

See, we're seeing the.

Glorified Christ in his glorified states.

It is really hard to recall this fact today.

In in Daniel 12/3 season, Bazemore Rise and Shine at the brightness of the sky and in Matthew.

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Since then, the righteous will shine with the sun in the Kingdom and his sportswear.

It's bigger, dispersed form is where we get the word metamorphosis.

Paul uses that word twice in well with salt, and he says.

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Be metamorphosized.

Be transfigured right by the renewing of your mind with.

The Holy Spirit and then.

He says he transformed, we conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

So just as Jesus was transfigured, the Holy Spirit is changing us and transforming us.

But Peter, James, and John get to see this for the first time ever.

And what does Peter say?

He says, Jesus.

It's so good that I'm here.

You should be really glad that I'm here.

You should be.

Really glad that all.

Three of those are here.

In fact, if you will, I'll make three kits for you, one for you, one for Moses and one more Elijah.

Now we all know that Peter is a little impetuous.

And he gets ahead of.

Himself, and sometimes his mouth outruns his.

Heart and his brain.

I'm sure none of us in this room can identify with that, right?

I'm sure none of our hearts run ahead of.

I'm sure that none of our mouths run ahead of ourselves, but his mouth ran ahead of him.

There's two things that this tent could be.

It could be the tent.

Of meeting where Moses would go and.

Meet with God.

Or it could be a Tabernacle from the.

Feast of booths

Reality is, it doesn't really make a difference what.

It was because it was.

Wrong, right there.

There's times when you are wrong, but it doesn't matter how you're wrong or you're just wrong and just accept the fact that you're wrong and building it and then find correction.

But here's Peter's great mistake.

Peter was trivializing the glory of Jesus Christ.

He was equating the glory of Jesus Christ and he was putting it on par.

With Elijah and Moses.

Yeah, even like this.

Would almost make sense, right?

I mean because most isn't a large.

I mean you're talking like the top guys.

The top tier guys, right?

But that's still the great mistake that Peter made.

He's saying, listen, I know that you're the Lord.

I know that you're the Christ I'm.

Gonna make a.

Shrine to you'll make.

A tip for you, but I'm also going to make one for these other two guys as well.

Because they're just as important.

And the reality is, is very.

Important because they draw some.

Point us to Jesus Christ.

Right, Jesus would save himself after the resurrection on the road to Emmaus when he taught his disciples how all the Old Testament pointed to him.

And we have here, along with profits pointing to Jesus Christ, and he's seeing it.

Physically personified, and instead of going, you really are the Christ.

He says I'm going to stop and I'm going to put.

All of you on the same plane of worship.

I fear.

I fear we trivialize the glory of Christ.

In our own lives.

I feel that we make that same.

Error that same mistake.

When we say.

Listen, Jesus is the only way to truth in the life.

But if you have another way.

That works for you.

Then you what you each of us have.

To follow our own path.

Or when we say.

One of my.

Favorite phrases, they have a lot of phrases.

They just so you know that.

Means clearly.

But one of my favorite phrases to hate is when someone says you know what each of us just has to live or truth.

And when we hear.

That then when we nod.

You know what we're doing.

We're trivializing the glory of Jesus Christ.

Same mistake Peter made the same mistake.

We made we have the benefit of reading the whole story and looking back 2000 years.

And what happens?

A lot of times we read the stories we try to put.

Ourselves into this so well, brothers.

Sisters, I'm going to be honest.

With you, this Bible is not about you.

The story is not about you.

Stories about Jesus Christ.

And him as the second person of the Trinity, the eternal God is faithful and true.

The alpha.

And the Omega.

That's who the story.

Is really about.

And So what?

We want is it?

Makes because we just don't know what to say.

Yeah, and if you do the same thing, I.

Want to teach?

You what to say?

2 words that's wrong.

All I can say is that that's.

Wrong, right?

And we probably need to an argument.

And that's OK.

Because it's better to get into an argument than walk away, and someone going.

Well, Chris really doesn't work.

For me, but that person is.

A Christian and.

He said that he didn't.

Say it was wrong so.

I must be OK.

Rather is another day.

Peter trivialized

Jesus Christ and his glory.

So what happens next?

Well, Peter is about.

To get a.

Lesson in the things going to get is that his focus needs to.

Be on Christ alone.

It take a look at verses 5 and eight or five through 8.

Since long Peter was still speaking, we behold the black part overshadowed enough.

I want you to picture what's going.

On daughter loves Peter Wright says while Peter was still speaking so God didn't wait for Peter to shut up guiding.

Wait for Peter to take a breath right?

I don't.

Know if you're aware of this bug.

Not gonna wait for you to do something.

He's gonna do what he's going to do because.

He's sovereign, right?

He says so.

He says while he was still speaking, they hold a bright cloud, overshadowed them and the voice from the cloud said.

This is my.

Beloved son, with whom?

I well, please listen to him, and when the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

Right?

But Jesus came to touch them and.

Said Wise had no.

Fear and when?

They lifted their eyes.

They saw no one but Jesus.

So this idea that it's only twice alone.

That our focus needs to be.

He says his famous words that we hear when Jesus is baptized.

This is Michael love son.

In whom I am well pleased.

In Deuteronomy 18, he says similar things said.

By the way, after your comment.

Why you menu?

Is Speaking of Jesus Christ, he said.

They will be the Messiah, he says go ahead.

My servant, whom I hold my chosen, whom I sold the rights.

I'm well pleased I put my spirit on him.

He will bring forth justice to the nations.

So while Peter.

Speaking, God interrupts and he says stop talking.

This is my beloved son, in whom.

I am well, please listen to him.

He has something important to tell him.

And they fell on their faces, and they were terrified.

Remember the response in the Old Testament?

I believe you read it in Exodus.

No one can look upon the.

Glory of God.

And now Peter, James and John are realizing that they're seeing the glory of God.

You're not seeing Jesus as some weird state.

They're seeing a glorified Jesus Christ and they're hearing God the father and seeing God, the son, and

it's terrifying.

And they fall on their faces.

And Jesus comes to them and touches them and says, get up, don't fear.

It's OK.

The same thing happens in.

Daniel, when he sees the.

Vision of the ancient of days, he freaks.

Out which is.

What you should do, and he falls.

On his face.

And then the ancient days touches him and says get up years after this moment.

John is going to be on.

The island of Patmos.

And he's gonna get a vision.

And when he gets the vision of the son of man, he's gonna.

Fall on his face terrified.

And what does that son of man?

Do he comes across him and touches him?

And says get up.

And if you read through all the healings of Jesus that he did in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John the Gospels, what do?

You see Jesus doing.

He's touching.

And he's telling.

People get up.

And so there's a healing that's happened.

In here.

But it's a spiritual game.

It's a healing of false.

Eyes it's a huge.

Of the scales from John and Peter and James, his eyes falling off.

But here's the important.

Thing about our focus should.

Only be on Christ that I.

Want you to see?

In verses one through 4 Peter talks.

And they talk about Peter, James, and John being with Jesus on top of the mountain.

And you hear.

Peter's voice.

They've been in 5-6, seven, and eight.

OK.

Nobody is talking.

Except for the internal guy.

And there's no.

Reason that Peter, James and John.

Now they're just the disciples, why?

Because the focus now the story is not on the error of Peter, it's not on what Peter, James and John are doing.

The focus of the.

Story is now.

The turtle glorified Christ.

Has taken on humanity and is touching his disciples individually 1 by 1.

How do we approach?

The throne of grace.

He approach it boldly.

As the writer.

Of Hebrews says.

But we do that.

Because there's one mediator.

Jesus Christ.

This I was going to look on the glory of God.

In lens except.

Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, the second person.

Of the Trinity.

So we trivialize Christ.

Sometimes we trivialize the glory of Christ, but our focus really should be only on Christ.

And God removes all the other focus.

So Peter, James, and John can only focus on Christ.

The next thing you see is really, which I.

Think is fascinating.

Is this idea that, uh, right reading of Scripture reveals who Jesus?

Is to us.

It looks like you will see.

This in verses 9 through 13.

So transfigurations over there coming down the mountain.

Someone said they were coming down the mountain.

Jesus commanded him.

Tell no one.

The visions of the son.

Of man is raised.

From the.

Dead and the disciples asking them why he described so that first of all, less time.

And the answer will logic does come and he will restore all things.

But I tell you that.

Elijah already has come.

And they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased.

So also the son of man will certainly suffer their hands and then the.

Disciples understood that he was speaking to them of.

John the Baptist.

So at this point.

The disciples are showed that they have some.

Knowledge of scripture.

They said.

Why do disciple or says?

Why do the scriptures say that?

Elijah has to come.

And this comes.

From Malachi Chapter 4, verse 5 multi Borders 5 says this, behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the great and awesome day program talks.

So there's this idea that before the day of the Lord, which is the day of Wrath before that comes alive, is.

Going to come.

Right and so So what does the scripture say that his wife is?

Going to come.

And Jesus answered, and said, if I did dance calm, and then he paraphrases always rough.

He paraphrases Malachi 4 verse 6.

The disciples just asked about Malachi 4 verse five, so we're going to ask the biblical questions. Why not just answer it with a biblical answer, and so he puts it back in context and not by 46.

Is that he?

Will turn the hearts of their fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of other destruction.

So that last part last.

I common cycle and the decree of utter destruction that's occur.

1st right, he's.

Bringing his gentleman.

He's bringing his curse.

If you look through Deuteronomy all the blessings and curses every time you see the word curse in the Old Testament, there is an assumption of an unrepentant heart, right?

So they're saying if you don't do it, this is what you're going to do.

And here in like A is going to.

Bring your pigeons.

So, but Jesus says something interesting.

He said, well, he said that.

He does, but he will restore.

All things, So what does?

That mean that he's going to restore all things because he's going to restore things, and then he puts it back together.

And if the logic is going to put it back together, then that means that he's going to say it's not Christ.

But we know that that's.

Not really the case so.

When he says he's going to.

Restore all things.

What does he really mean?

Well, there's oddly enough still found.

Any disciples question which is a quote from Malachi chapter.

4 verse 5.

Said I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the great and awesome day in the Lord.

Elijah will come and bring in an attitude and preach a message of repentance.

In fact, if you look at Mark chapter one you find.

Good words of the Prophet being preached through John the Baptist by saying prepared and way of the Lord make his paths straight.

That is a call to the pendance that is a call to a godly biblical understanding of life.

And when Jesus says he's going to restore all things.

Meaning he's going to bring in an attitude of repentance.

He's going to call for repentance.

He's going to call the wayward to come home and to stop being lowered and to dedicate their lives in the hearts again toward God Almighty.

And then Jesus says he.

Did come, he already came and they.

Did them whatever, and the saving is going to happen to the son of man.

And at that point.

Peter, James and John understood what they understand.

Jesus showed them biblically.

Who John the Baptist was who Elijah was and how that leads up and points to the Messiah.

He also showed them.

That the Messiah comes. He's ushering in in time and and honestly, as we're here today we've been waiting for the final in time for 2000 years, and we're probably going to wait for some more time, right?

I hope not.

I'm tired but.

Nonetheless, we're going to wait until.

That day comes, but.

Jesus ushered in that final in time.

The beginning of that final in time.

What happen?

Is when you look at Scripture and you remember that scripture is not about you, that you're not looking for.

How does it apply to you?

You're not looking.

For where I fit into the story.

You're not looking for what does this.

Verse means to.

Me when you look at it where when you look at scripture for how does this verse?

How does this pattern?

That passage point me to Jesus Christ.

We look at that then.

You begin to understand.

Who Jesus actually is.

And you begin to understand how awesome and mighty and terrible and compassionate and loving and judgmental and joyful and jealous and all those things wrapped into one are.

Because now you're seeing the biblical God.

They're not the God that you just created.

Because you weren't on Facebook or.

Instagram or decided to go walk in the woods.

And come up with.

Your own thoughts.

You were looking at who?

God actually is and who Jesus is and Jesus is full of redemption from time, eternity past until today and until tomorrow.

And so when you focus on Jesus only.

And you start reading biblical.

You begin to see who God.

Actually is.

Now we're all fallible.

And we see this in the next election.

Verses 14 through 18.

When it came to crowded man came.

Up to him.

And said, kneeling

Before him said.

Well, how much of myself he has seizure?

He suffers terribly for rocking falls into the fire and off into.

The water and I bought a few.

Disciples, and they could not heal him.

And Jesus answered, said, all famous twisted generation.

How long would I?

Be with you how long?

Have I to bear with you?

Over to me.

And Jesus rebuke the demon that came out of him.

And the boy was killed instantly, so they come down.

On this man.

Comes up to him and said Jesus, I need you to restore my son.

I want the relationship between me and my son was story.

I volunteered disciples, they couldn't do it.

The rules do it.

And Jesus says you wicked, faithless, twisted generation.

Here for years I thought he.

Was talking to the man.

For years I thought.

Man Jesus is harsh.

Like here's his father bringing his.

Son and his son.

Has a demon and Jesus looks at him and said.

Baby you.

Faithless wicked twisted man but.

Help me.

It's already Jesus isn't talking to the men.

He's talking to the disciples.

He's talking to disciples and look, you're a faithless, wicked, twisted generation.

He's calling the same things that he called the Pharisees because they knew some contributed really no description if you know.

What I'm saying.

And he's talking to the disciple.

In fact, I went up.

Even in Philippians 215, it says Paul says this.

He says be blameless.

Innocent children of God without permission.

The midst of a crooked, twisted generation, among whom you shine his light.

And so Apollo, saying the world around his, his cricket twisted generation don't become like with the world.

Around you.

How did the disciples become like the world alone?

I want to say it in week 10.

We're gonna say Saint Luke.

We'll go with that, 'cause I know.

It's anyone in the.

Loop we see Jesus in Diablo 72, right?

And what does Jesus do?

He gives them the power to preach the gospel he.

Gives them the.

Power to heal and the power to cast out demons.

And so it's not a.

Hard cry for to imagine a disciple going oh this kid.

Sick I got this.

This kid says, well, I went to a conference last week.

I will Bible say you asked me.

I just read this new book.

I got this this will be great.

So what happens when we put ourselves in the story?

And what happens when someone comes to us?

And says man, I.

Really need you to pray for me and you think I'm gonna pray for.

You and great things going to happen.

Because I don't know if you know this, but me.

And God, we're pretty tight, and when.

I asked why that say that happens.

Because I've been my life home the moment you say that that's what.

You're not doing.

You're probably living your life fully right.

Just say you know.

That you were supposed to be.

Hey I need some help I could.

Compare your response.

Be absolutely.

Let's pray that God.

Was done in your.

Life right?

I can see the disciples going.

I'll get it.

Yeah, I've been around you for like forever.

Or year, whichever comes first.

Yeah, I.

Actually do stuff.

I can say the.

Same words.

I can.

Touch people just as well as you can, and then it doesn't happen.

See, I have this theory that I'm working on.

And I will.

Say it's theory, but it's probably not.

I think scripture bears it out.

When we pray.

We tell people God gonna answer you.

One of three.

Ways right God gonna answer yes or no.

We're not going off.

And really, if you want to.

Think about it grammatically.

Not right now is really just a fancy.

Way of saying yes, just not right now, just later.

Basically, I think it bears out.

When we pray, God doesn't.

Answer yes or no or not right now.

I think biblically it bears out when we pray.

The answer to our prayers is really God himself.

God shows up this man.

And his son.

Had a broken relationship because his son was demon possessed and.

It didn't just affect his.

Soul it affected the entire hostel.

And he prayed that something would happen and we looked at people that he thought could help him and they couldn't, and said.

What happened, God himself comes.

And restores the family relationship.

See they look Gray and This is why I love and I ask.

I kind of heard again by God listen, I know I'm an idiot so I praise you that you are interceding on my behalf.

Because when we ask God for what we?

Want this is what?

We should do.

We also need to recognize that what we really want underneath.

All the trappings.

Of whatever we're saying, what we really want is.

We really want.

God to show up in our lives.

We really want God to show up in someone else is why we really want to see the transformation with the gospel of Jesus Christ and all lives of families or worker or home.

That's really what we want to see.

And so we will claim that the answer is not gas roar ready tomorrow.

But then we're playing.

The answer simply is God is coming.

And it goes back to March after.

Then make way make straight the passive award-winning kids going straight there, because that is funny, because her prayer ultimately is for God.

To show up.

And then the cycles missed this and this gets back to the original point that we started with.

Where are we starting?

The disciples came to him privately in verse 19.

Cypress creatively said why could we not?

Cast it out.

And send it because of your little faith.

For truly, I said, you have the faith.

Like a grain.

Of a mustard seed.

You'll say it's not moved from here to there.

It will move and nothing.

Will be impossible for you.

Why could we not pass it up, Lord, why could we not?

Help this man.

Dad, I prayed and he told me that, uh, that's incredible, righteous man availeth much so I'm pretty righteous.

And how committed develop much.

I understand why could we not do it?

What focusing your prayers on?

See my faith in Jesus Christ is not in my ability to have faith.

I don't know you guys, but I know.

I mean, I know that I.

Have a very low ability.

I am 5 foot 11.

Some of you may listen I.

Don't know, but you know that if you stretch out your arms this wide like tip to tip, this is how.

Tall you are.

I I learned that one of those little.

Useless pieces of information you learn.

Like in 3rd grade, right?

So this is.

How tall you are, right?

So invariably this is how tall you are.

This is all strong you.

Are this is how much influence you have?

This is how much ability?

That you have.

Hey so we could disciples are saying board look.

At this I can.

Do this how come we can cast them out?

What does the faithfuls in themselves?

Our faith.

Is in the.

Faithfulness of the right.

Is it true though, truly faithful?

Holding when the Alpha Omega meeting in our.

Faith is in his faithfulness.

Right, because if it was up to my fate, I would have a salvation by works and I can guarantee you by the time I.

Walk up to.

The left or right.

I would probably lose my face.

On my love grow.

Then I would lose it again.

Providing our balance somewhere in between, which probably wouldn't happen.

But my faith is in the faithfulness of God, Abraham.

Faith as we read just a few minutes of his face regarding his ability to carry out God commands.

His faith was in the ability he faces in the faithfulness of the one.

Who told him?

To do it.

He didn't know how it was gonna end, but there was a passage.

You know that that it states most.

Of us, he's taking.

Isaac up to the moon and we will set the people.

He says when he says, wait since.

We, we and I won't come back.

He didn't know I was.

Going to happen, but his faith was in the faithfulness.

Of God, and this is what gets us to.

The point.

Yeah, 40 minute introduction to a four minute sermon, right?

Because of your little faith.

For truly, I say to you, you have the faith like a great lessons.

So what Jesus is saying, like look at that monster team.

That motion is very, very famous.

Right that little curly mustard seed is bigger than your face.

He says if you have a favorite side agreement.

So you will say to this mountain.

Move from here to there and removing.

Nothing will be impossible for you.

Know for years I miss.

Quoted this verse.

I I would say.

You were taking the mountain moving to the sea.

It will crash into.

The sea, well, that's what Scripture says, and this is what happens when you try to colocalize scripture.

Instead of just.

Using scripture to say what script what we actually said.

This no come here.

Now what mountain is he talking about?

All throughout the Old Testament we see mountains Longhorn Mount Sinai, the Temple Mount, and if you're interested, Deuteronomy access and even the prophets not hard, not Sunday.

They're actually the same number of God.

Meet God.

They give example now what to meet Bob where Jesus, Peter, James and John just come from.

A moment where Peter, James, and John saw the glorified Christ.

So when Jesus says you can say to this mountain, move from there to here.

He will be saying.

Saying you can have the faith and pray for the glory of God and you will see the glory of God.

He's praying, he's saying that when you pray the.

Answer to prayer.

Is God himself that God's gonna show up?

And he's gonna.

Show unexpectedly, he just always does.

But he's going to show up.

And when he really?

Says you will say to this mountain, so you will have the faith, not the faith, to see amazing things happen because.

Of your faith.

But you will.

Have to wait to see the glory of God and you will see that glory of God.

You know this idea that this idea showed again.

The mustard seed Jesus tells us.

Story of it.

Then in each chapter 17 he says the same thing.

He said, if you have the face of a muscle tee, you.

Can say the.

Mother or the other?

Would imported into the sea.

It will well interesting linguistic here.

Motor entry in Greek is actually single.

Right, a few chapters after that in Luke Chapter 19 we see his stories, had kids, and where does he cleaned up?

He calls up a Sycamore tree.

Well, so in chapter 17 he says you can say this Sycamore tree move and be planted, not cast, be planted into the seat and this goes back to Psalm chapter one.

Four tree by deep waters to have good roots here.

Safe to the Sycamore tree.

Move over here and then in chapter 19 you see him now.

That's only a Sycamore tree, what?

To see the.

Second person of the Trinity.

See the son of God passed by.

Because his prayer was that he needed to see God.

When we look and talk.

About we need to have.

Faith the size of a mustard seed.

That faith, the size of a mustard seed.

Is the faith in the faithful one?

And that his.

Glory is coming.

And that if.

We are faithful to him.

We will see.

His glory.

That's pretty good.

Have your father mistake you for who you are for your goodness.

Or we pray that we would see your glory.

We pray Lord, that your glory would be made known to us, and has been made to us in the second person of the Trinity, in Jesus Christ, and only Son who serves as our mediator and serves as our hike as.

Our high priest forever.

Or as we.

Prepare for the next part of our worship service.

Or pray that you would continue to work in our hearts and lives.

In Jesus name we pray.