

Luke 9:37

Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

When the disciples came down from their mountaintop experience with Jesus, they were still with Jesus.

How many of us have had that mountaintop experience with Jesus? Maybe it was at a men's or women's conference. Maybe it was a particular Sunday at church, where, during the entire message, it seemed that God was speaking to you, and you alone. Maybe it was that one morning when you were reading God's word, and it was like Jesus was right there next to you, revealing Himself to you.

We have all had them and love them, but we also know that when we come down from that mountaintop experience with Jesus, the enemy is right there waiting for us, wanting to take away what the Lord had done in us during that time. Today's story is a good example of that.

† **Luke 9:38-39** *Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.*

Now this man was not on the mountaintop having that wonderful experience that Peter, John and James just had. But the three came down with Jesus, because the mountaintop experience was not over yet.

Stop and think about that for a moment. We think the mountain top experience is the ultimate, but it should not stop there. We read in the bible of Jesus going up into the mountain to pray all night alone with God. And when He would come down from the mountain in the morning, He did not leave that experience up there on the mountain, He brought it down with Him, not for Himself, but to minister to others. Because if you think about it, was not Jesus having a mountain top experience Himself?

† **Luke 9:29-31** *As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

Jesus was having a mountaintop experience with God, and the three disciples. Peter, John and James were able to see it for themselves. But when Jesus came down, He brought God with Him

(in a manner of speaking), He brought that experience with Him, not for Himself, but because others needed to benefit from it, in this case, it was a man whose son was possessed by a demon.

So, Jessu brought that experience and ministered to this man and his son.

† **Luke 9:42** *And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.*

Our mountaintop experience with Jesus is awesome, and I do not want to take that away from anyone. But... Let's not leave that mountaintop experience on the mountain, but rather, let's bring it with us to minister to the needs of others.

† **1 Timothy 4:6** *If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.*

† **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

† **Philippians 2:15 (MSG)** *Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night.*