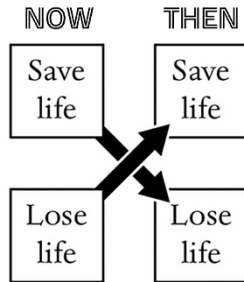


“LISTEN TO HIM”



MARK 9: 1-29

- proof of life ¹



MARK 8:33-34

- trials of life (vv. 14-22) ⁴

- glimpses of glory (vv. 25-29) ⁵

- call to believe (vv. 23-24)

MOUNT of GLORY (9:1-8)

- visual proof ²

- verbal proof ³

VALE of TEARS (9:9-29)

- suffering for Christ (vv. 9-13)

¹ Australian Stephen McAlpine's *Being the Bad Guys: How to Live for Jesus in a World that Says You Shouldn't* (2022).

² Mark just tells us that Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus (9:3); Luke explains: "They spoke about [Jesus'] departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem (Luke 9:31).

³ **2 Peter 1:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:52; Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2**

⁴ **Hebrews 12:22:** Although the fullness of the new Zion (the heavenly Jerusalem) is yet to come, by Christian conversion we've already come to it spiritually.

⁵ **Ephesians 2:5-6**

A Study in Contrasts	
The Transfiguration	The Boy's Healing
Mark 9:1-8	Mark 9:9-29
On the mountaintop	In the valley
The kingdom of God on display	The kingdom of Satan on display
A Son is radiantly glorified	A Son is terribly demonized
A Father is honoured in His Son	A father is horrified by his son
The disciples are confused and lack understanding	The disciples are defeated and lack power
A lesson about the future	A lesson about faith
A display of divine power	A directive for human prayer

Mark 9:1-29

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" ¹² Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? ¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him."

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "'If you can?'" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."