



MY GREATEST DAY OF FAITH

FAITH IN THE FATHER

Matthew 3:17; Mark 9:1 – 8

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MESSAGE NOTES

God spoke

And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." — Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!" — Mark 9:7 (NIV)

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. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

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." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) — Mark 9:2 – 6 (NIV)

A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him." — Luke 9:35 (NIV)

Three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) mention it

Even Jesus needed to hear it.

The Logos (The Word, Christ), the second person of the Trinity, who is fully equal with God in every way, emptied Himself of the independent use of His divine attributes and took a fully human nature submitting Himself to the will of the Father, and the leading of the Holy Spirit in order to reveal the Father, redeem the world, and become the messianic king. — Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology

... who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. — Philippians 2:6 – 7 (NASB)

Three messages every child needs to hear:

This is My Son, whom I love ..." — Mark 9:7 (NIV)

The first message to give is "I love you."

... Listen to Him! — Mark 9:7 (NIV)

The second message to give is "I believe in you."

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. — Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)



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And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
— *Philippians 1:6 (ESV)*

... with Him I am well pleased. — *Matthew 3:17 (NIV)*

The third message to give is “I am proud of you.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Tell a “Dad Joke” you have heard recently.
- Read Luke 9:35 and Mark 9:2 – 6. Why do you think three Gospels (Matthew, Luke, and Mark) mention the “Transfiguration” of Christ? What is the importance of this moment in Christ’s life and ministry?
- What is the significance of Jesus hearing the Father speak over His life (For Christ and for us)? Why did even Jesus need to hear messages from God the Father?
- What was your biggest take away from the message this week?
- Read Philippians 2:6 – 7. What does it mean that Jesus was the “God-Man,” perfect humanity and deity wrapped up in one? How is Jesus being the perfect example of a Spirit-led life important for us in living Spirit-led lives?
- What does knowing the love of a father do in a child’s life? Why do we all need to know and experience the love of our Heavenly Father?
- Read Ephesians 2:10. What is the importance of knowing someone believes in us? How is knowing we are “God’s masterpiece” a critical message in today’s world?
- Read Matthew 3:17. How is knowing that a “Father” or “Father-figure” is proud of us a significant message for children to hear? How do we hear that message from our Heavenly Father in our lives and why is it important?
- What child of God (whether 3 or 53) might the Lord be directing you to speak one of His messages into their life and how? Why do you think God is placing this person on your mind today?
- What message from the Father do you most need to hear and why? (“I love you; I believe in you; I am proud of you.”)