



# We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”  
(Mark 6:31 NIV)

They had no idea what awaited them. Jesus had invited just the three of them to go up the mountain with him, and they obliged. Not the first time they had been singled out in some way, so it seemed a natural request. But they were stunned by this revelation! Wonder what they were expecting?

The second stanza of this song guides us briefly through what Christendom knows as “The Transfiguration;” that mesmerizing moment on the mountain when the clothes Jesus was wearing became whiter than ever possible by any earthly means. Then suddenly their awe-struck eyes saw Elijah and Moses standing with Jesus – and their equally awe-struck ears heard the three of them talking!

The call to the “mountain” is not just for Peter and James and John. And Jesus’ revelation of himself is not just for his apostles. We don’t expect to see Jesus in sparkling white clothes, but we can have every assurance that when we are in need of renewed vision and hope he will call us away and he will meet us and he will restore our weary spirits.

Mike Yaconelli, in his book *Dangerous Wonder*, says: My cluttered lifestyle had me desperately in need of [God’s] presence. I longed for the living water of silence and worship. I felt claustrophobic with my busyness and needed to feel the breath of God in my soul.

Scripture tells us that even for Jesus and the disciples there were so many people around them that they couldn’t find time for themselves. So Jesus called them away from the crowds to a quiet place, with him alone, so they could all rest.

The noisiness and busyness of our worlds demand that from time to time we heed the call to go to the mountain with Jesus, wherever that mountain may be and whatever it may look like, so that he can reveal to us those things we can’t see and hear when surrounded by all that distracts our hearts and challenges our faith.

Like Peter, we may find such presence and peace there that we will ask Jesus why we can’t just stay and build a little cabin and live an undistracted life with him. But the three disciples came back down the mountain with Jesus – and so must we. In time, it will be ours to tell what we learned on the mountain and encourage another.

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