

**BETWEEN MOUNTS TABOR AND SINAI:
BOTH HOLY, NEITHER TAME**



TRANSFORMATION IN TRANSITION

As we begin our march towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we'll confess that God's presence is with us through life's many transitions and wonder at how we are transformed because he is beside us.

Call To Worship: Psalm 22:25-31

25 I offer praise in the great congregation
because of you;
I will fulfill my promises
in the presence of those who honor God.
26 Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the Lord praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!
27 Every part of the earth
will remember and come back to the Lord;
every family among all the nations will worship you.
28 Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
he rules all nations.
29 Indeed, all the earth's powerful
will worship him;
all who are descending to the dust
will kneel before him;
my being also lives for him.
30 Future descendants will serve him;
generations to come will be told about my Lord.
31 They will proclaim God's righteousness
to those not yet born,
telling them what God has done.

Genesis 16:7-15 God Who Sees

7 The Lord's messenger found Hagar at a spring in the desert, the spring on the road to Shur, 8 and said, "Hagar! Sarai's servant! Where did you come from and where are you going?"

She said, "From Sarai my mistress. I'm running away."

9 The Lord's messenger said to her, "Go back to your mistress. Put up with her harsh treatment of you." 10 The Lord's messenger also said to her,

"I will give you many children,
so many they can't be counted!"

11 The Lord's messenger said to her,
"You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son.

You will name him Ishmael (God Hears)
because the Lord has heard about your harsh treatment.

12 He will be a wild mule of a man;
he will fight everyone, and they will fight him.

He will live at odds with all his relatives."

13 Hagar named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El Roi" (The God who sees) because she said, "Can I still see after he saw me?" 14 Therefore, that well is called Beer-lahai-roi (the Well of the Living One who sees me) it's the well between Kadesh and Bered. 15 Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named him Ishmael.

Matthew 17:1-9 (CEB)
Transfiguration

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. ²He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.



³ Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good that we’re here. If you want, I’ll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!” ⁶ Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anybody about the vision until the Human One^[a] is raised from the dead.”

Exodus 24:12-18 (NIV)

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reflect and Respond: Individual & Small Group Discussion

When walking in the _____, what helped you to keep moving forward and relying on God? If someone were to ask you what gives you hope in times of grief, how would you guide them to find peace?

When living in the _____, do you ever feel complacent? What keeps your faith active when things are going well?

This sermon closed with asking us to consider the times when God in our life feels like a _____ and everything is drastically changing. Have the previous two questions or life experience given you any wisdom on how to navigate intense changes/transitions? What insights have you gained?

Notes:

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