

**Glory on the Mountain, Grace in the Valley**  
**On the Way: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark**  
**Gospel of Mark**  
**June 14, 2026**  
**Mark 9:2-29**

**Central Thesis:** Following Jesus means leaving the mountain, walking through the valley, and trusting that the glory at the end is greater than the cross along the way.

**Outline:**

1. Introduction
2. The Mountain: Glory You Can See (vv. 2–8)
3. The Descent: From Glory to Dust (vv. 9–13)
4. The Valley: Helpless Faith, Powerful Savior (vv. 14–29)
5. Application: Three Moves

**Questions (For personal reflection and small group discussion)**

1. When have you felt like you should believe more, doubt less, but couldn't muster it? What was that moment like?
2. The voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." How is "listening to Jesus" different from simply "listening to rules"? What might listening to Jesus cost you this week?
3. Where in your life do you struggle to believe that God is strong enough to make a difference? Take a moment to name it, then share.
4. Jesus healed the boy because the father brought his weak faith to a strong Savior. How does knowing that a "weak faith in a strong branch" can support you change how you approach prayer and struggle?
5. The sermon said: "Do not pray the five words just to get Jesus to fix your valley. Pray them because he is beautiful." What does it mean to pray because Jesus is beautiful, not just because you need something?
6. What is one valley you are walking through right now? How can you practice 'trusting that the glory at the end is greater than the cross along the way' this week?

