

# Sunday Service ~ February 22, 2026

## Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

### Welcome & Prayer

*"LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*

*<sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. <sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, <sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

Let's pray. Dear Lord Almighty, how majestic is your name in all the earth. This day we wish the whole world would recognise your name, would recognise your power and grace and justice and mercy. We admit that we don't always remember how great you are. We don't always live in line with your holiness. We don't always rely upon your power. We don't always listen to your Word. So please forgive us. And place your Holy Spirit within us so that today we might worship you with heart, soul mind and body. We might be renewed in our faith. That we might desire to humble ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus each day. Be with us today and especially throughout this service, for we need you today more than ever. And we ask these things in Jesus' name Amen.

### Song – Glories of Calvary [The Glories of Calvary With Lyrics By Sovereign Grace Music \(feat. Norton Hall Band\) - YouTube](#)

1. Lord, you're calling me to come  
And behold the wondrous cross  
To explore the depths of grace  
That came to me at such a cost  
Where Your boundless love  
Conquered my boundless sin  
And mercy's arms were opened wide

2. Sinners find eternal joy  
In the triumph of Your wounds  
By our Saviour's crimson flow  
Holy wrath has been removed  
And Your saints below  
Join with your saints above  
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb

Chorus: My heart is filled with a thousand songs  
Proclaiming the glories of Calvary  
With every breath, Lord how I long  
To sing of Jesus who died for me  
Lord, take me deeper  
Into the glories of Calvary

Chorus x2  
Bridge: For all eternity we will sing worthy  
Our God has set us free  
We'll sing the glories of Calvary  
Repeat Bridge  
Chorus

### Bible Reading – Matthew 17:1-13 (NIV)

*After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 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 instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” 10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” 11 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.*

## Announcements

**Focus for Month: People.** Your fellow Christians are your brothers and sisters. Their family. And just as God places us in homes and families where we can nurture and care for each other, he also places us in church families where the family of God can nurture and care for each other as well. This shows the priority that God places on family. People are important to him in that he makes them part of his family, so God’s people should also be important to us as well!

**Redevelopment.** It was wonderful to join with the rest of the church family and be back in our church building last week. But there is still lots to be done to get everything working smoothly. So, if you see something that you don’t like or a job that needs to be done, please don’t complain or talk about a better way of doing things – that would be disrespectful to all the hard work that lots and lots of people have put in. Instead, just write Stephen a short note/text/email and we will see what we can do (and when we can do it) over the coming weeks and months. And if you brought any equipment to any of the work days (ladders, brushes, tools etc) they are in the cottage near the toilet.

**BBQ Lunch & Thanksgiving Time.** Join us after Church for a BBQ lunch to celebrate our new redevelopment! A good time to mix, have fellowship and have a time where we can formally thank those who worked so hard on our behalf to get us there.

**Christ College Mission.** Between Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, between 8 to 10 students from Christ College will join us for a mission. We are busy organising activities for each day that they are with us.

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mainly introductions	
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Adults Talk and Small Groups	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mission team joining small groups	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Walk Up Evangelism	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Women’s Paint and Sip	Men’s Breakfast
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Bring a Friend Services	

Each Student will be billeted, so if you have capacity to accommodate any please let Stephen know.

### Upcoming Events

TODAY	BBQ Lunch	
Sunday 1/3	Lords Supper	
	Breaking the Silence – Top Up Training	11:30-12 noon
Friday 6/3	JOY	
Friday 6/3	Church Camp begins	
Saturday 14/3	Jannah Pittman supporters Event.	
Sunday 15/3	Annual Meeting	
Sunday 22/3	Christ College Mission begins	

**Lords Supper.** Next week we will be celebrating the Lords Supper. Please prepare yourself for the taking of the bread and the wine.

## Pastoral Prayer

**Pray for Hamilton.** David and Annabel holidaying in Scotland during February. Both been sick. Pray for God’s healing, particularly for David’s debilitating sciatica. Praise God for increasing connections within the local community- pray for wisdom in deciding what and how to best serve. Rhema radio and David’s input

each Thursday. God would raise up labourers for a great harvest. Sunday school starting after Easter  
**Pray for those caught in the poverty trap.** Sovereign and gracious Father, you are the defender of the poor and the Father of the fatherless; forgive us for our indifference and shape our hearts by the mercy we have received in Christ. Give wisdom to leaders in Australia and to your church as we seek justice and practical care for those who have fallen through the cracks of our society. Stir us by your Spirit to open our homes, share our resources, and walk patiently alongside those in hardship, not for our glory but for yours. And in all our compassion, keep us centred on the gospel of the Lord Jesus, knowing that true and lasting hope for rich and poor alike is found in him alone.

**Pray for Eritrea.** (Population 3.6 million, Christians: 1.7 million). Eritrea is one of the world's **most difficult** places to be a follower of Jesus. Christians who worship outside state-sanctioned churches face **intense surveillance**, violent police raids, and indefinite imprisonment, often in **horrendous** conditions. Pray that Christians in Eritrea's notorious prison system will be strengthened to stay hopeful. Pray that God provides for the daily needs of Christians arrested or detained for their faith. Pray for Eritrea's brutal dictatorship, that President Afwerki's heart will turn to Jesus.

**Pray for our SPARCLKLERS playgroup.** It has been difficult for them to attract and keep young families during the renovation. But returning to the church give new opportunities. There has also been a number of babies born within the Church and so pray there is a chance of new families can join and that they will be able to reach out to other non – Christian families that they know.

## Bible Reading – Matthew 17:14-23 (NIV)

*14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him." 17 "You unbelieving & perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." 18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." 22 When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.*

## Song – There is one gospel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GZuSivURPk>

There is one Gospel on which I stand  
 For all eternity  
 It is my story, my Father's plan  
 The Son has rescued me  
 Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace  
 My highest joy and my deepest need  
 Now and forever He is my light  
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling  
 All else I count as loss  
 For there, where justice and mercy meet  
 He saved me on the cross  
 No more I boast in what I can bring  
 No more I carry the weight of sin  
 For He has brought me from death to life  
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found  
 The empty tomb still speaks  
 For death could not keep my Saviour down  
 He lives and I am free  
 Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes  
 My life is His and His hope is mine!  
 For He has promised I, too, will rise  
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one  
 We do not walk alone  
 We have His Spirit as we press on  
 To lead us safely home  
 And when in glory still I will sing  
 Of this old story that rescued me  
 Praise to my Saviour, the King of life  
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## Sermon – From the mountain to the mess. (Stephen T)

Most of us can point to a moment or two in our lives when everything just clicked and you felt absolutely amazing. That great holiday you had with your family or friends. The wedding day that went beyond your expectations. That worship services where God felt so, so close. That camp or mission trip where your faith was on fire.

Those moments feel standing on a mountain, clear air, wide vision, burning conviction, deep, deep joy. But the problem is we don't live up on that mountain top. For the holiday ends. The honeymoon finishes. Monday morning arrives and we go from the mountain to the mess. Which means as family relationships break down, that diagnosis arrives, our prayers go unanswered, our life and faith begin to feel ordinary again. And Jesus understands that.

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For in Matthew 17, we see that Jesus himself, moves from the mountain, a spiritual high point where he hears God's voice and he fellowships with God's saints & yet later on in the day he is met by a demon possessed child, a disgruntled group of disciples and a desperate father. And if I was to try and summarise this whole chapter, I would put it like this.

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*"The glory of Christ is hard to grasp, but it carries us through the grind, humbles us into God-dependence, and gives meaning to the grief of the cross."* Let's see what I mean.

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### 1. The glory of Christ (verses 1-8)

*"After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light."*

*"After six days."* Matthew wants to link what happens on the mountaintop to what had happened the previous week. There the apostle Peter finally gets it. The penny drops in his mind. Jesus is more than just a teacher, a healer, an exorcist and king. *"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* As a result of this confession Peter, James and John get to see Jesus as God's son, in all of his glory. As he is transfigured, metamorphized, before their very eyes.

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In the words of preacher Kent Hughes, *"For a brief moment the veil of humanity was lifted and his true essence was allowed to shine through. The glory that was always in the depths of his being rose to the surface for that one time in his earthly life. Or put another way, he slipped back into eternity to his pre-human glory. It was a glance back and a look forward into his future glory."*

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The Apostle Peter would later write in 2 Peter 1:16-18, *"For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, **but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**"*<sup>17</sup> *He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

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Imagine that! Imagine seeing Jesus in all his glory. Finding out that Jesus is even more glorious than we could ever possibly imagine. Having the scales fall off our eyes & seeing Jesus not just as a man but as God. As a God-man. For on this mountain top God turns the lights on for us all so that we can see Him in all his glory. And it's absolutely breath taking.

3 *"Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus."* Suddenly Moses who lived in the 13<sup>th</sup> century BC and Elijah who lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC appeared with Jesus. Two of the most

important people in the history of God's people have now come back from the dead. If you are an American it would be like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln joining you on that mountaintop. As Aussies it might like being on top of the world with Captain Cook and the Father of Federation Henry Parkes.

But for the Jew it is even more than that. Moses was the great lawgiver and Elijah was the great prophet. Moses was the founder of Israel's religious community and Elijah was the restorer of it. Both Moses and Elijah met with God on the top of a mountain. They both saw God's glory and they both had a special ending to their lives. And so now here in front of the disciples is the culmination of the law and the prophets. For the whole of the OT has been brought together & they are talking to Jesus, the one whom these Scriptures pointed to, the one who would fulfil all of its promises, the one that stood at the climax of salvation history.

It's like those home renovation shows where they pull back the curtain & reveal the finished house. Same structure, but suddenly you see the beauty, the intention, the worth. The transfiguration is God pulling back the curtain and saying: "Very soon my son will be beaten, mocked, and crucified — but when he raised to life, this is the glory he will enter into again."

I'm sure the disciples were speechless but the apostle Peter always seems to find a way of putting his foot into his mouth in every situation. He *"said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish I will put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses & one for Elijah"*

You see Peter wants to stay in this rarefied atmosphere. He wants to savour this spiritual experience. He wants Moses and Elijah and Jesus to stay and if he can arrange for some accommodation, then all of them can continue to soak up this incredible atmosphere. Now you can't blame Peter, can you? Who wouldn't want to hear Jesus, Moses and Elijah talking together? Who wouldn't want to stay on that mountaintop for a little bit longer?

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*5 "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them & a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came & touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus."*

This is not a new Jesus. This is the real Jesus. The disciples don't see something added to Jesus, they see something about Jesus that has always been true. Moses face might have given off a reflected glory when he met with God up on Mount Sinai, but Jesus whole body shines with God's glory because he is God Himself. And that is all we need to see.

For Moses and Elijah suddenly disappear because their job has finished. They were there to point people to Jesus & now here before us is Jesus. Moses is a prophet, Elijah is a prophet, but Jesus is the promised prophet, priest and king. As commentator Sean O'Donnell wonderfully puts it, *"Here you have arguably the top 6 heroes of the Old & New Testaments in one place and one time, and God the Father acknowledges & honours Jesus **exclusively.**"*

Friends, can you see the glory of Jesus? Are you marvelling right now at his might, power, beauty, and position? Are we listening to Him and Him alone? For this vision is given to us to enjoy and to soak in. Because very soon we will go from the mountain to the mess. But we don't go alone, but Jesus, filled with the glory of God, will go with us."

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Martin Luther King in his last sermon before being assassinated said, *"I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter to me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people **we will get to the promised land**. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. **Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord"***

Seeing the glory of Jesus, means we don't need to fear any man, any situation, any trouble. If God is with me, who can be against me? But our passage shows us that this truth is

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## 2. Difficult to Grasp (verses 9-13)

9 *"As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."* You see his disciples will not **really understand Jesus' glory** until they see his death and resurrection. For the glory of Jesus is not the glory of an earthly king, sitting on a golden throne, it is the glory of a suffering servant who will lay down his life to save his people and who will be raised up by the father and then given his rightful throne over the whole of creation.

So Jesus says not to anything until the story has run its full course. Because it will only make sense when Jesus dies, rises to life, ascends to heaven and sends his disciples his promised Holy Spirit, who will enable them to put all the puzzle pieces together & see his glory fully! But if that is the coming timeline and the end is about to come where does Elijah fit in?

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10 *"The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"* 11 *Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."* 13 *Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist."*

Elijah has already been and gone. That prophesy was fulfilled by John the Baptist. And the religious and political powers to be, combined to get rid of him. And that is what they are going to do with Jesus also. For you **can't grasp Jesus' glory** without understanding his **glory**. The mountaintop experience points us to what will happen on Calvary's hill & what happens on that hill give us an even more sense of the glory of Jesus on that mountaintop.

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For *"The glory of Christ is hard to grasp, but it will carry us through the grind of our lives"*

## 3. The Grind (verses 14-18)

For a high spiritual experience is often followed by a crashing anticlimax. As one person once said about coming down from the mountaintop, *"After the ecstasy comes the laundry."* In the words of Warren Wiersbe *"If we want to share the glory of Christ on the mountaintop, we must be willing to follow Him in the sufferings of the valley below."* So, after seeing the presence of the Lord on the mountaintop, they walk down its slopes to see disorder, disappointment, disputing and worst of all the devil. Its back again to the daily grind.

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14 *"When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."*

Jesus comes down the mountain is immediately confronted by both the presence of evil, a young boy possessed by a demon; and sickness, for this young lad also seems to have a form of epilepsy. What a sign of the sadness that all of us get caught up with in this world. But added to this and making it all so much worse, is the faithlessness of Jesus disciples.

You see, earlier in Matthew's gospel they had been sent out two by two to preach the gospel and they had come back and had performed many miracles and even exorcised demons that possessed people around them. But now they had failed this man and his son. Had they got carried away with their previous success? Had they just tried to follow a winning formula? We don't really know. But it greatly disappointed Jesus!

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*17 "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." 18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.* The boy is healed immediately. Straight away. With just a word.

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I'm sure that Martin Luther was thinking about this when he wrote the third verse of his classic hymn "A Mighty fortress is our God." It goes like this... *"And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us; We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us; The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him."* But why couldn't the disciples channel that power? It is because they were not

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#### 4. God – Dependent (verses 19-21)

*"19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith."* The disciples didn't lack information. They didn't lack power; both had been given to them. They lacked **faith in Jesus' power**. And it is isn't the size of that faith that is important but who that faith is in. *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

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Think of the 000 phone number for example. Anywhere in Australia, even if there is no signal, you can call 000 and you can get access to emergency services. You don't need much faith to ring it, just enough to acknowledge that you need its help and you are willing to reach out and rely on that help. And it doesn't really matter what you say to the operator, they now know your location and are able to dispatch help almost immediately.

In the same way, these 9 disciples and all other disciples who have followed Jesus ever since, only need enough faith in Jesus **to depend upon Him**. To trust in Him. To call upon him. And miracles can happen all around us. People can be healed. Evil can be stopped. Mountains can move. All you need and all I need is **faith**, as small as a mustard seed, **in Jesus**.

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The disciples already had faith — the problem was where it was placed. They were relying on past success, confidence, and technique rather than on God. A mustard seed was Jesus' way of saying: **even the smallest faith works, not because faith is strong, but because God is strong**. In the Bible, mountains move when *God* acts, not when people manipulate Him. Faith doesn't control God — it depends on Him. So, the question isn't, *'How big is your faith?'* The question is, *'Who is your faith in?'* For even mustard-seed faith, when placed in the living God, is enough.

Now this is a word for all us today and for our Church as well. Why are we so often powerless? Why do we not see more healings amongst us? Why so few conversions? Why are there so few times that others can see that you and I stepping out in faith? Is it that we are too often just putting our trust in the medical

community? Or the money in our bank accounts? Or our buildings? Have we failed to see that the one we serve is God in the flesh?

Friends those mountaintop experiences that we have had in worship, in answered prayer, in trust and dependence upon Him are reminders for us to have faith in him. Not in our new buildings. Or in the interesting and exciting programs we have planned for the year. It's about faith in Jesus Christ. It's all about prayer. Its humbly depending upon God Himself.

Do you notice we started January with a focus on prayer? Did that encourage you to pray more? If not, how are you expected to grow in your faith? How are we going to grow in love, in spiritual fruit and in numbers as a Church. We don't want to be like the 9 disciples and rely upon our own skills and ability; that's a disaster waiting to happen. We must be people of prayer. We have to put our small and weak mustard seed like faith into the powerful and strong and mighty God that we see here in Matthew 17.

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But how does this work? Let me borrow Chuck Swindoll's image to bring this altogether. He paints for us a picture of a dam, a pipeline and a tap. The dam is the reservoir of God's love. It is the Grahamstown, no it is the Warragamba Dam with millions, billions of megalitres available to all. Enough water and enough answers to prayer for any and every situation.

But how does the water find its way to our homes? By pipes and the bigger the pipes to your suburb & to your home the more water can flow through those pipes for us to use. Likewise, faith in Jesus, believing and trusting in his power and mercy is the pipeline from the reservoir of heaven to the life of the believer. The more faith you have, the more God's mercy and power can flow. The less faith you have, the more restricted is the work of God in your life. And the taps in our home is like the prayer in your life. Prayer allows God's power to flow through our faith and refresh us and transform us and change the world around us.

So, the more time you are on the mountaintop the more you see and hear clearly what the Lord is saying to us. The more you put your trust in the Lord, the more open you are to the Lord to do his good work in your life. And the more you pray, the more you tap into God's power. And the less you pray, the more you are ignoring God's power and mercy in your life. And that power is made available to us through the death of the Son of Man.

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### 5. Grief (verses 22-23)

22 *"When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief"*

The path to glory involves a stopover at the cross. The road to victory goes through suffering and grief. The disciples have just seen the glory but they too must accept that his real glory would come through Jesus being killed and on the third day raised to life. That is where Jesus' glory will ultimately be found. Because it is where he defeats demons and death and disease and sin. You see the cross is not an interruption to God's plan. It is God's plan.

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Which means *"The glory of Christ might be hard to grasp, but it carries us through the grind, humbles us into God-dependence, and gives meaning to the grief of the cross."* Which means resurrection hope gives meaning to present sorrow. And God's glory is present in both the pleasure and the pain.

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You see Matthew 17 reminds us that **God gives us glimpses of glory, but He doesn't ask us to live there.** The disciples are not allowed to build shelters and stay on the mountain. Jesus leads them back down into

the valley— not because the glory was false, but because the mission is unfinished. And waiting in the valley is the cross. Not as a failure. Not as a surprise. But as the centre of God’s saving plan.

Thus, the Christian life is not choosing between glory *or* suffering — it is learning to follow Jesus **through both**. The same Christ who shines like the sun, is the Christ who walks into weakness, rejection, and pain for our sake. And that means when we return to the daily grind of work, family, ministry, temptation, weariness — we are not leaving Jesus behind. We are following Him exactly where He has gone before us.

So, remember this: when the music fades, when the highs of life wear off, when we are in the middle of the daily grind, we are still exactly where God wants us to be. So, we again put our trust in Jesus, humble ourselves before him in prayer, and seek to following our Saviour from the cross to the crown, from the glory to the glory. And we do that **by faith**. For even the faith as small as a mustard seed will see God make the impossible, possible in our lives.

For *“The glory of Christ might be hard to grasp, but it carries us through the grind, humbles us into God-dependence, and gives meaning to the grief of the cross.”*

## Song – Christus Victor (Amen) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF5knxzKCVw>

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| <p>1. O Most High, King of the ages<br/>Great I AM, God of wonders<br/>By the blood You have redeemed us<br/>Led us through mighty waters<br/>Our strength, our song, our sure salvation</p> <p>[Chorus]<br/>Now to the Lamb upon the throne<br/>Be blessing, honour, glory, power<br/>For the battle You have won<br/>Hallelujah! Amen</p> <p>2. O Most High, dwelling among us<br/>Son of man sent for sinners<br/>By Your blood You have redeemed us<br/>Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior<br/>Who lived, who died, who rose victorious</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>Bridge</p> | <p>With every tribe and every tongue<br/>We join the anthem of the angels<br/>In the triumph of the Son<br/>Hallelujah! Amen</p> <p>3. O Most High, King of the nations<br/>Robed in praise, crowned with splendour<br/>On that day who will not tremble?<br/>When You stand Christ the Victor<br/>Who was, and is, and is forever</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>Amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen, amen</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>Bridge</p> |
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**Benediction.** *“20 He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20)*