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*Mark 8:27 - 9:8*

* *Hey*
  + *Are we afraid of Jesus?  Should we be?*
* *You*
  + *I’m a product of good quality Sunday school training.  I learned that God loves me.*
* *Look*
  + *God’s people at the foot of mt sinai - Moses, you go up for us.  That’s too much, we don’t want to die!*
  + *But what God had wanted was to dwell among his people.*
  + *So God came down to them, but he instructed them on the making of a tabernacle.  In Exodus, we get the instructions twice, once when God dictated them to Moses, and repeated almost immediately after in the construction of.*
  + *Consider the preparation that the priests had to go through when they would go into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies one day a year.  It was dangerous.*
  + *The prophet Isaiah had a vision in his call story of being brought into the heavenly temple, and as he looked around, he was sure he was going to die.*
  + *Peter, James, and John are up on top of a high mountain, and there is Jesus lit up like the sun, along with Moses and Elijah themselves.*
  + *Let us quick build three tabernacles, one for each of you!  He was so frightened.*
* *Do*
  + *The disciples are constantly being portrayed as Jesus being too much for them.*
  + *And he is.  That is the point.*
  + *Anytime that we try and figure God out, he is too much for us.*
    - *And God knew that.  But God still wanted to live with us, and so that’s why Jesus came.*
    - *If we were in the presence of God himself, we would be obliterated, not because God was bad, but because God was so good.*
    - *God took care of it with Jesus, the living tabernacle.  In John 1, the hymn speaks of Jesus as the tabernacle.  The word became flesh and tabernacled among us.  We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son full of grace and truth.*
    - *The glory that should have killed us, and now we are in relationship with God.*
  + *The whole mission was for that purpose.  The disciples don’t get it, don’t get it, don’t get it.*
    - *But then at Pentecost, the presence of God came down into the room with them, and it didn’t kill them.  It alighted on each of them, and they became the tabernacles.  God dwelt within them.*
    - *That is God’s dream.  To dwell with us.  Our mission is to fill the earth with God’s presence by taking God with us wherever we go.*