

# Stone Mountain

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## Mountain Decisions

**We are on a constant climb!**

- Facing daily decisions with little time!
- Decisions that will change the rest of our lives!
- Decisions that will change the lives of others!

**In our mountain experiences!**

- We will struggle and be tested!
- We will face things and people coming down!
- Many decisions will be hard to make!
- We must be prepared to make the right ones!

## Mountain Experiences

**Everyone has them!**

- They can be good ones or bad ones!
- What people do with the results is a choice!
- Good ones many celebrate but soon forget!
- The bad ones we don't want no one to know!

**Are life changing!**

- If we are willing to engage fully in them!
- If we can see beyond the experience!
- If we are alert and watching for the signs!
- Or they can just be... AN EXPERIENCE!

## Luke 9.28-36

About eight days after Jesus took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

## **Luke 9.28-36**

As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

## **My Mountain Experience**

Went to Atlanta, Ga. 4 wks ago!

- I was not planning on climbing a mountain!
- Much less Stone Mountain at 1,686 ft!
- Making the trail about 1.5 miles, UP!
- Did I say UP? NO, NO... REALLY UP!!!

For the ones who know me...!

- I'm a musician... I like gadgets, Mac & Food!
- I don't do to well outside just look at me...!
- The guys at La Vida want me to play soccer!
- I don't know if that is such a good idea!

## **My Mountain Experience**

The truth, nothing but the truth!

- I have to be honest I was not thrilled!
- I was thinking Convention was great!
- Aquarium, YEAH BABY I can do that!
- Let's go to a movie, Ice Cream, FOOOOOOD!

The first stretch!

- I decided, hey I'll be a team player!
- I looked at my 6 and 12 yr old doing it, oh no!
- Then the Lord tugged my heart and I heard Him speaking...!
- He invited me to go for a Mountain Climb!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **My response to my DAD!**

- I said yes and changed my attitude!
- We can have just mountain experiences or...!
- FOREVER LIFE CHANGING ONES!
- The greatest times and conversations with Him, happen in the most challenging times and places!

### **The second stretch!**

- It definitely got harder in every way!
- I wanted to fight it at first and do it my way!
- But quickly the Lord began speaking to me!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **It's not about me!**

- I have to keep moving forward, can't stop!
- The minute I get to my next stop...!
- God will speak and reveal Himself to me!
- Show me things no eye has seen and no ear has heard, so I can go and tell!

### **It's all about Him, Them, me!**

- Focus EVERYTHING on HIM!
- He will speak and give to you, for THEM!
- And I'm telling you HE'S GOT UR BACK!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **Don't miss it anymore!**

- God desires to bless you and be about you!
- Don't miss His fullness by making it about you!
- So many people do and live so frustrated!
- Just do what He says, you will be GREAT!

### **Through the Father's Eyes!**

- From the mountain top you see what He sees!
- He will inspire and empower you!
- He will prepare you for the Valley!

**With Every Mountain Top Comes A Valley!**

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **The ¾ Mark!**

- Got to this place and there was double rails!
- and a SIGN that read "Please Use Rails"!
- Wow! God is so Good and Awesome!
- He knew what I needed, How about that?...

### **Can't Stop!**

- My eyes are fixed on the goal before me!
- I leave everything behind to reach my goal!
- We need to finish and finish well!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **Just about to get there!**

- Wow! I'm now so charged up, almost there!
- I'm not even tired or thinking about me!
- The adrenaline is pumping, Celebrate! But...
- Here is a few things we need to remember...

### **Keeping it Straight!**

- Don't forget about me when you get there!
- Remember who has brought you here!
- You have to stay focused on the goal!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **150 ft away from top!**

- Man! I thought I was done this one was tough!
- I was not expecting that curve ball!
- But I made it, thanks so much Lord!
- And there is more God is now on fast mode!

### **Always a different view!**

- You will never be bored, just keep walking!
- Walk closer and closer, draw near to Me!
- You will be so free to fly like an eagle!

## **My Mountain Experience**

### **YEAH Mountain Top!**

- I made it, I never thought I could do this!
- Standing at the mark of the peak, WOW!
- But... something was missing!
- There is no reason or purpose in this...unless!

### **We Can't be "Man in the Mirror"!**

- We can't ever forget what's happened there!
- The purpose and goal of the experience!
- God will give us Mountain Experiences...!

### **With Every Mountain Top Comes A Valley!**

## **Luke 9.37-45**

The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

## **Mark 9.20-24**

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

## **Mark 9.20-24**

Jesus rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

## **Life is a Like a Mountain!**

With all of it's ups and downs!

— Not one path is the same -  
Slippery, rocky and steep!

— Dangerous yet, attractive –  
Huge and seems impossible!

— Very Challenging but All Doable!  
Great views from the top, but...!

— The valley is always waiting at the bottom!