

# "THAT THING"

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## Mark 9:14-27

*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 one who believes."*

Mark 9:21-23

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.*

Mark 9:2-4

*"This is my beloved Son: hear him."*

Mark 9:7 KJV

### Parallels between Jesus going up on the mountain, and Moses going up on the mountain

Exodus 24, 32

- **There are some things God can show you on the mountain, (transfiguration)**
- **but some things God can only show you in the valley, (transformation)**

*However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

Luke 10:20

- Is it possible that sometimes we think we've brought something to God, and we really didn't bring it to God at all?
- Sometimes, in order for God to heal something in your life, he lets it get worse at first.
- What has robbed you? What seizes you? Until you bring it to Jesus, it can't be dealt with.
- The man asks for anything; Jesus responds with everything.
  - What is the difference between anything and everything? Belief.
- Sometimes the thing that you think you need, is not the thing you need the most.
- Sometimes the thing you're praying for God to fix, is not the thing he will do first.
- Sometimes we're so focused on what we want God to do for us, that we miss what he first must do in us.
- The question for me to ask, is not just
  - what is the thing I want God to do, but
  - what is the thing beneath the thing?

*We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."*

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Romans 8:35-38