

Surrendered: Fire & Thunder

Day 1

Basics and More

Check out this great guide to learn more about meeting God on the mountain, plus dig a little deeper if you have time to do so!

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/the-mountain/>

Verses: Exodus 24:12-18, 1 Kings 19:11-12, Matthew 17:1-2

Prayer Topics: Transformation, Faith, Humility

Day 2

Real

Are the stories in the bible trustworthy? Did they really happen? What do they mean for you in this day and age? Check out this article to explore what the story of Israel meeting God on the mountain means for you:

<https://www.williamtennent.org/blog-list/mountain-of-god>

Verses: Psalm 24:3-6, Isaiah 2:2-3, Hebrews 4:16

Prayer Topics: Truth, Trust, Reliability

Day 3

Relationship

When we come to the mountain to meet God, we come there for relationship. This is no ordinary kind of relationship, however, but a connection between a god and his people. Because of this, we must understand the differences between this relationship and the ones with our family and friends, and do the things that lead to the health and strength of this special union. To learn more, check out this devotional:

<https://www.paultripp.com/wednesdays-word/posts/how-the-ten-commandments-work>

Verses: Jude 1:21, Acts 17:28, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Prayer Topics: Unity, Love, Righteousness

Day 4

The Heart of the Matter

Will you answer God's call to covenant? When you are on the mountain and hear God's voice, what will you be asked to do? Why would you want to answer the call? What will be the outcome, and will it be good for you? Check out this article to get to the heart of the matter:

<https://www.crivoice.org/biblestudy/exodus/bbex27.html>

Verses: 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 1:5

Prayer Topics: Covenant, Will, Purpose

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

Many people within Christendom, especially in what is known as the west, don't understand suffering as being redemptive because the dominant thought that's taught is dominion and in the west dominion means power over, control and not stewardship. This is why Scripture teaches that when we choose to respond to God's love in obedience, transformation must occur in our minds and heart, Rom. 12:1-2; Isaiah 55:6-9. This transformation is a process that's real because it's the Holy Spirit that does the work of transformation and not fallen man's teachings of positive thinking which is of this world order. God alone is the potter and we who are called by His name is the clay. Joseph never could have spoken these words unless he understood what God taught and was teaching him, "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance," Gen. 45:7. God didn't remove Joseph from Egypt but He was with him and He elevated him in the land where he was, Gen. 39:2-5, 21-23; 41:37-44, 50-52. Just like God didn't remove Joseph from Egypt, Jesus prayed in John 17 verse 15 these words, "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one." As disciples of Christ Jesus we are

kept by Him as we journey daily hand in hand with Him. Success in Christ Jesus is different from the meaning of success according to this world order. Success according to the matrix of this world order is self-serving whereas in Christ Jesus is dying to self that others might live because His desire is that none perish but all come to repentance, redemptive suffering, Luke 9:23-26; 2 Pet. 3:9. Therefore the question is, do we trust God's faithfulness to Himself? It's precisely because of God's faithfulness to Himself that we benefit, Ps. 103; 37: 16-22.