

# “How Portable is Your Faith?”

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## Matthew 17:1-3

1 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.

† The gospel of Matthew was written in Greek.

† The Greek word for “transfigured” is metamorphothe, and it refers to an outward change that comes from within.

† The glory of Jesus’ true form, God on earth, came from within and shined through.

*Matthew 17:4 - 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."*

† Peter wanted to capture the moment and make God stationary.

*Matthew 17:5 - While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

† God is giving Peter, and us, a command.  
- Listen to Jesus.

† God is not only saying this to Peter, James and John but also to me.

## Matthew 17:6-9

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down 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."

† I am to “get up” and “don’t be afraid” because I am to take my faith with me.

† My faith must be active outside of this shelter, this church.

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† Portable is defined “to be easily carried.”

† This story reminds me that my faith is to be portable.

## Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What do I have in my life that is portable?

† Do I only live my faith in the church building or do I live it wherever I go?

† How have I lived my faith in Christ while outside of these church walls (in my everyday life)?  
- How have I not?

† What is one way this week that I can make my faith more portable?