

# “Who Do You Listen To?”

Based on Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)  
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## Mark 9:2-4

2 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.

3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

† **Moses and Elijah** were the two greatest prophets in the Old Testament.

† **Moses** represents God’s law.

† **Elijah** represents God’s prophets.

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† **Jesus’ mission:** to fulfill God’s law and the words of God’s prophets.

## Mark 9:5-6

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

† **Peter** wants to build 3 buildings to keep them in.

† **Peter** wants to capture the moment permanently.

† A “mountain top experience” is a spiritual high in my life.

† **Permanently** staying on the “mountain top” stops me from living my faith.

*Mark 9:7 - Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"*

† **Philosopher Diogenes** wrote, “**We have two ears and only one tongue in order that we may hear more and speak less.**”

† **God** tells Peter, James, John, and me to “Listen to Jesus!”

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† The original Greek word used in this text for “listen” is *akouete*, and it means “hear and obey.”

† **Listening** is done with more than my ears.

† **Listening** is done with my heart and soul.

## Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What “mountain top” experiences have I had?

† How has that experience helped me live life off the “mountain”?

† How has that experience helped me minister to others?

† When have I truly *listened* to God?

† How can I “Listen to (*hear and obey*) Him” this week?