

The Wonder of God . . . and More

“Peter said to Jesus, in Mark 9 vv 5-6: ‘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.’

Being speechless is not usually one of the characteristics we think of when it comes to the apostle Peter. He often speaks without really thinking about what he is saying. This situation is no different. In fact, Mark tells us that he really didn't know what to say here. So why did he say anything?

The circumstances would leave most of us speechless. Peter, James, and John are together on a high mountain alone with Jesus. Suddenly the appearance of Jesus changes – His clothes and countenance are beaming bright. Moses and Elijah miraculously make an appearance. Talk about a spectacular moment!

Their stay up on that mountain was not intended to be a permanent one, so no need for three shelters. Instead, what the disciples witnessed was to be a moment of inspiration that would provide days of encouragement. This experience was one to behold, not one to control.

Sometimes we can miss the wonder of God because we want to be in control.

In this final devotional of the series, you are encouraged to not miss the wonder of God that may very well be happening in the “Building Hope for the Future” campaign. At this point the committees have all been busy with their work. Newsletters have been sent out. Sermons have been preached and Bible studies have been led. Testimonies have been shared. Commitment cards have been distributed and we are here today for a celebration event. There has been a lot of activity that has gone into this campaign.

But in the face of all that activity, don't miss the wonder of God.

Don't miss the wonder of God as the Spirit of God works in the hearts of people to respond.

Don't miss the wonder of God as people are motivated by mission.

Don't miss the wonder of God as the people of God offer thanks for His blessings.

Don't miss the wonder of God as He reveals Himself in Word and worship, in song and Sacrament, in mission and ministry, and yes even in campaigns and sacrificial giving.

Don't miss the wonder of God because it is the very nature of God to display” immeasurably more than anything we could ever ask or imagine”.

“It is good for us to be here.” Thanks be to God!