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LISTENING TO GOD

Read Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter 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."

⁵While 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!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As 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."

- Looking at what took place on the mountain that day, why do you suppose Jesus took these three disciples with Him?

- Since this is the only time in the Bible where God speaks directly to the disciples, He probably thought about what one thing He would like to share with them. There are so many important things He could have said; what would some good ideas have been if you were coaching God?

- God chose the simple phrase "listen to my Son." Why?

- Why is it important that we listen to the Lord regularly?

Author, Richard Foster, claims that the three greatest snares of the devil today are hurry, noise and crowds. It can be difficult to listen to the Lord today with all the other things competing for our attention, but it is both possible and important.

Mark 1:35-38.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

- How did Jesus listen to God? What can we learn by His example?
- How did His listening to God, or quiet time, that day impact His decision-making?

So What?

- What are some steps you can take to listen to the Lord? What action will you take this week?
- Something to think about: Process how FRONTLINE/ Youth Group is going. What thoughts do you all have for improving our outreach together?