

HOPE FOR THE BEST,
PREPARE FOR
THE WORST.

ENGLISH PROVERB



Hoping for the best, prepared for
the worst, and unsurprised by
anything in between.

— *Maya Angelou* —



SCOUTING IS MINISTRY

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
& THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



SCOUTING



*Greg Arnold (2011-13)
GCUMM President & CEO*

SCOUT SUNDAY 2024



"BE STRONG—BE BRAVE—BE HUMBLE"



BE PREPARED

IT'S NOT
JUST FOR SCOUTS

*The motto, “**Be Prepared,**” means that the scout is always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do his duty. To be prepared in mind, by having disciplined himself to be obedient, and also by having thought out beforehand any accident of situation that may occur, so that he may know the right thing to do at the right moment, and be willing to do it. To be prepared in body, by **making himself strong and active and able to do** the right thing at the right moment, and then to do it.*

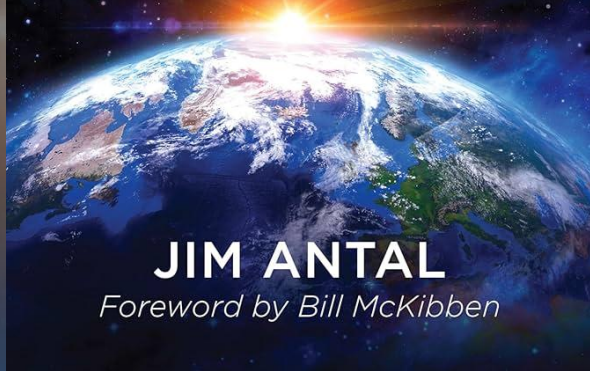
(Boy Scouts of America: Handbook for Boys, 1911), p. 12

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD

HOW PEOPLE OF FAITH
MUST WORK FOR CHANGE

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Foreword by Bill McKibben



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Equip Young Leaders





JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Be prepared for



1. *The Son Superior to Angels*
2. *The Gospel Greater than the Law*
3. *Melchizedek to All*
4. *A Call to Persevere*
5. *Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses*
6. *Get Ready for the Journey to Jerusalem*

Shaped by His Son: Reading Hebrews

Luke 9:28-37

Jesus Took Peter, John & James.

ABOUT EIGHT DAYS AFTER JESUS
HAD SAID THESE THINGS, HE TOOK
WITH HIM PETER, JOHN, AND
JAMES, AND WENT UP ON A
MOUNTAIN TO PRAY.

- LUKE 9:28



*Jesus took with him Peter,
James, and John, and led
them to a high mountain.*

Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:2

Luke 9:28-37

His Face Changed on a Mountain

As he was praying, the appearance (skin, LXX) of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightening. (Luke 9:29)

When the people saw the thunder and lightening and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. **But do not have God speak to us or we will die.**"

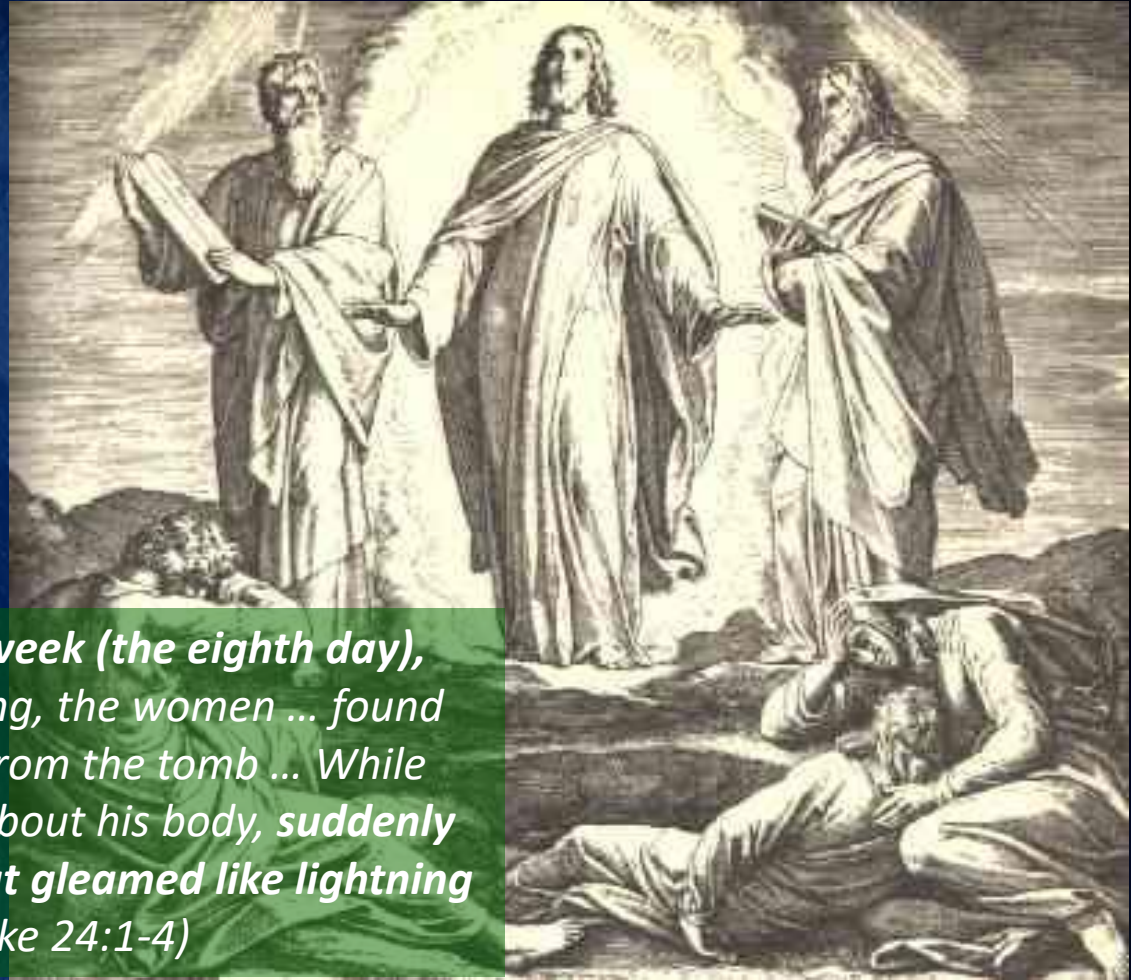
(Exodus 20:18-19)

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. (Matthew 17:2)



Luke 9:28-37

The Disciples Saw Two Men:



On the first day of the week (the eighth day), very early in the morning, the women ... found the stone rolled away from the tomb ... While they were wondering about his body, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. (Luke 24:1-4)

Luke 9:28-37

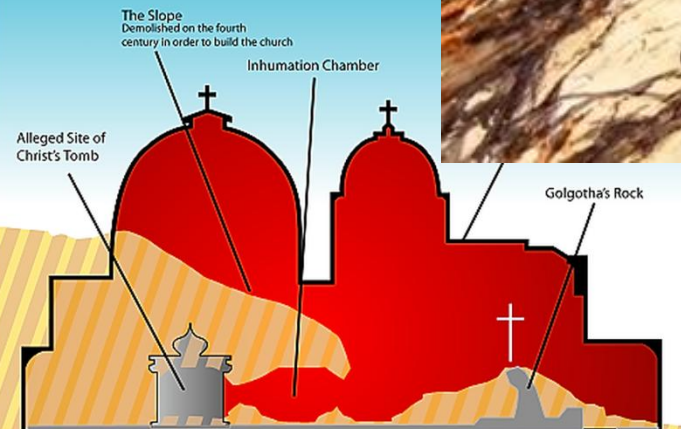
2 Men Speaking about His Departure

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about **his departure**, which he was about to bring to fulfillment **at Jerusalem**. (Luke 9:30-31)



Calvary

On the first century A.C. it was just a rocky denivelation outside the town



Luke 9:28-37

Peter Didn't Know What's Going On.

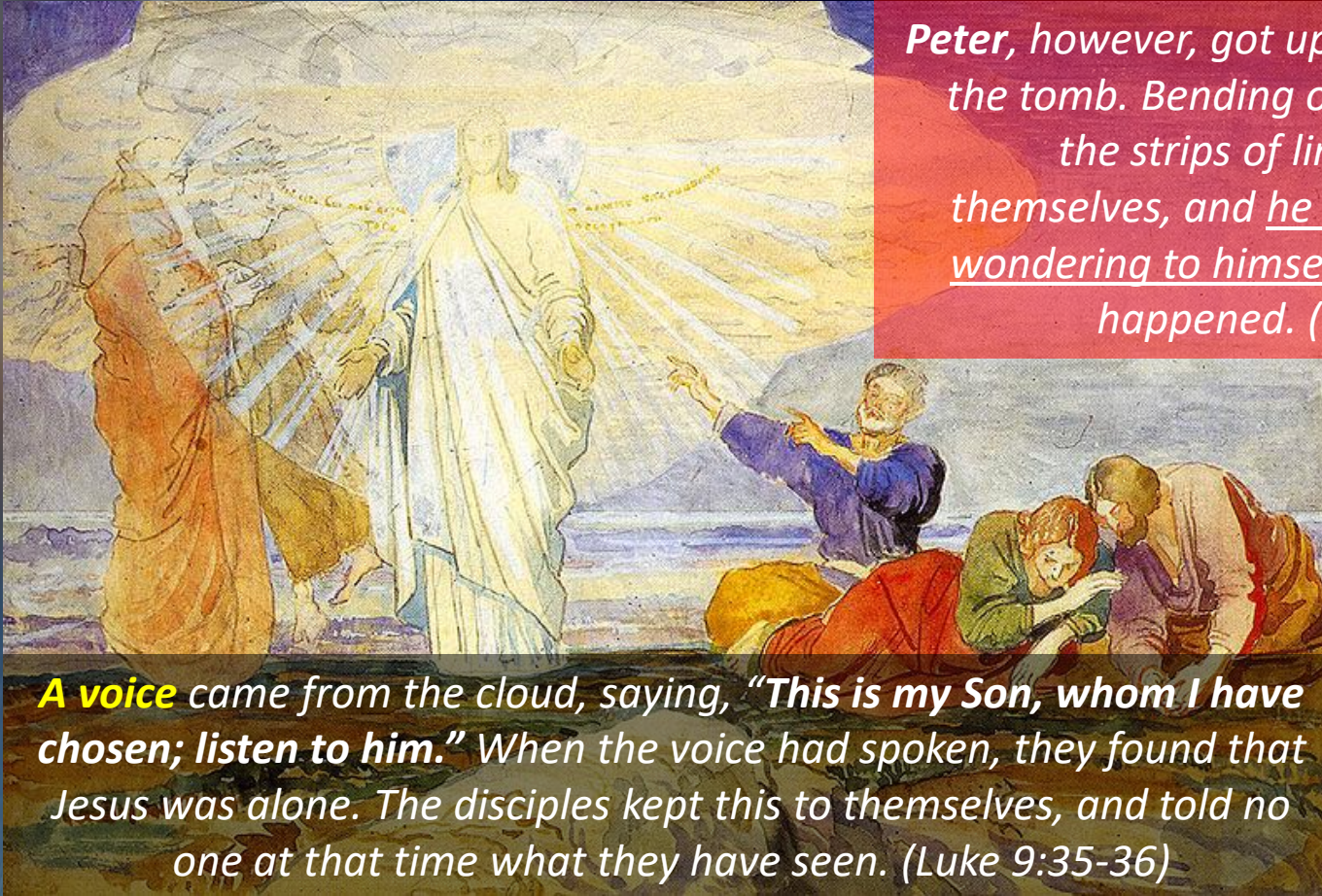
Peter said to him [Jesus], "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) (Luke 9:33)



**STOP RUNNING
AWAY FROM YOUR
PROBLEMS**

Luke 9:28-37

The Disciples Kept Silent.



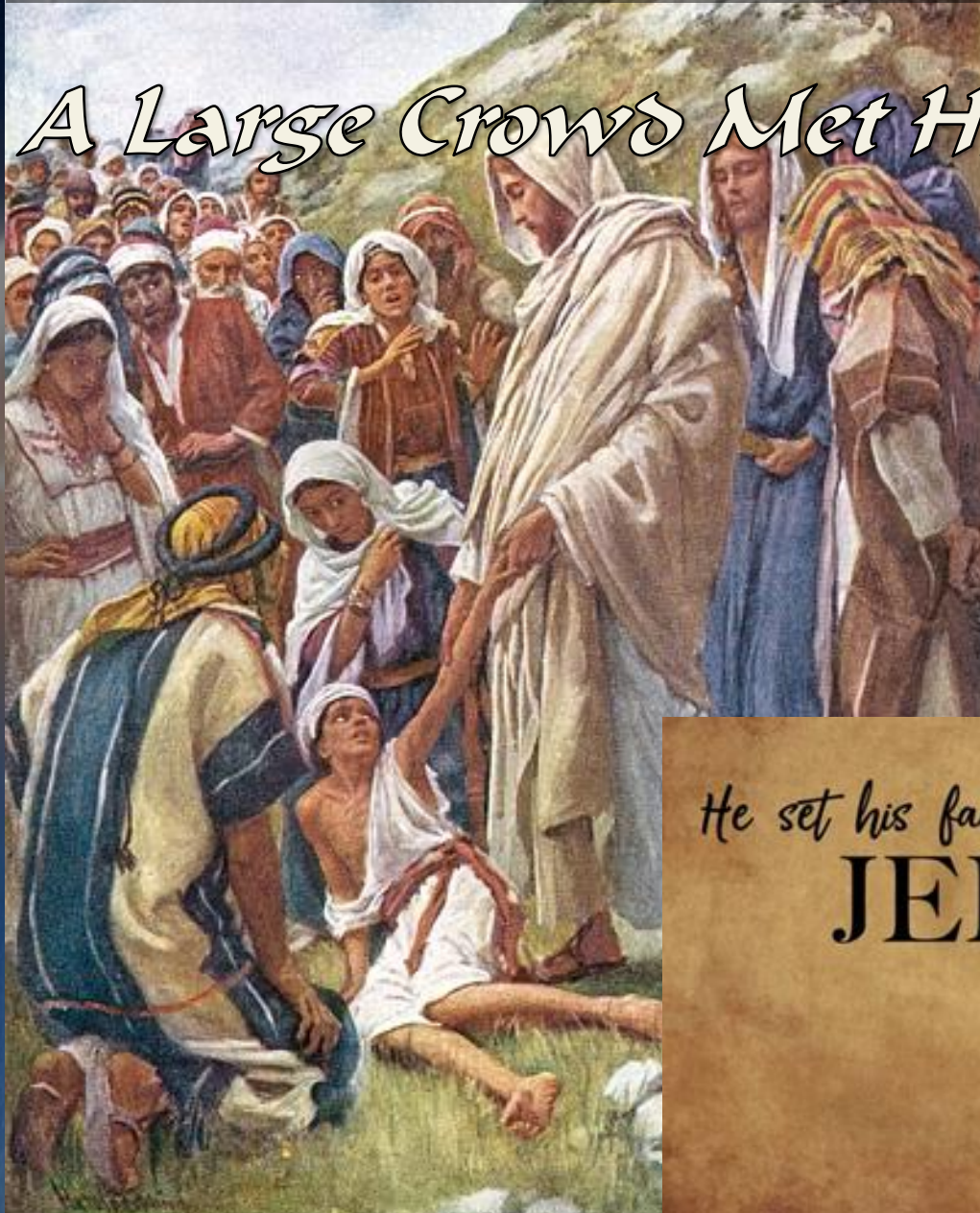
Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. (Luke 24:12)

A voice came from the cloud, saying, “**This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.**” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they have seen. (Luke 9:35-36)

The Next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. (Luke 9:37)

Luke 9:28-37

A Large Crowd Met Him on His Way.



He set his face to go to

JERUSALEM

Luke 9:51-62

The Gospel according to
LUKE

Jesus Heals The Epileptic Boy by Harold Copping

1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.



“Shaped by His Son”

Part 6. Get Ready for the Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus

1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.



God says you are

chosen

In Christ we were
chosen to be
God's people.

Ephesians 1:11



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1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.

You are enough.
You have influence.

You are a genius.

You have a contribution to make.

You have a gift that others need.

You are the change.

Your actions define your impact.

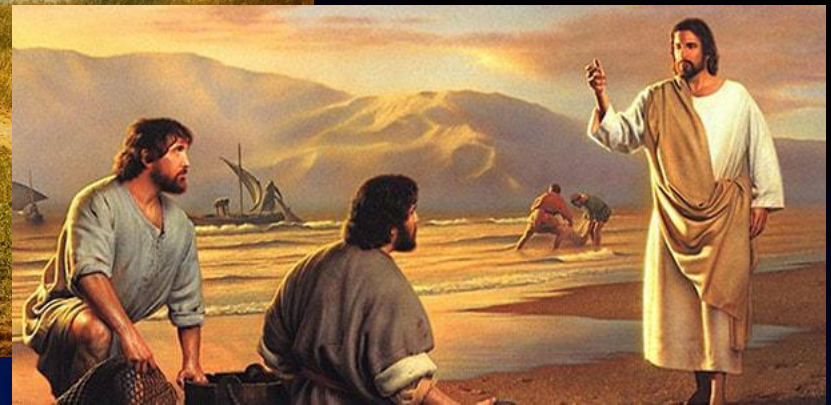
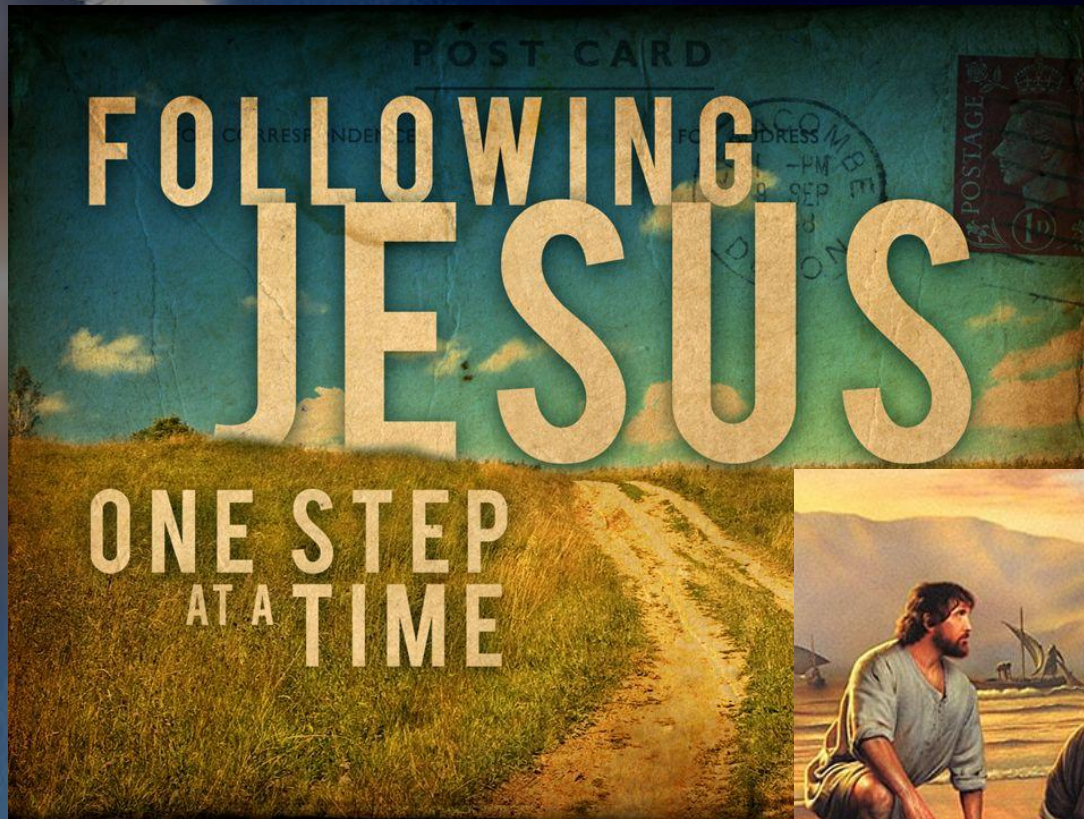
You matter.



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1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.



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1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.
2. You are called to be sent out.



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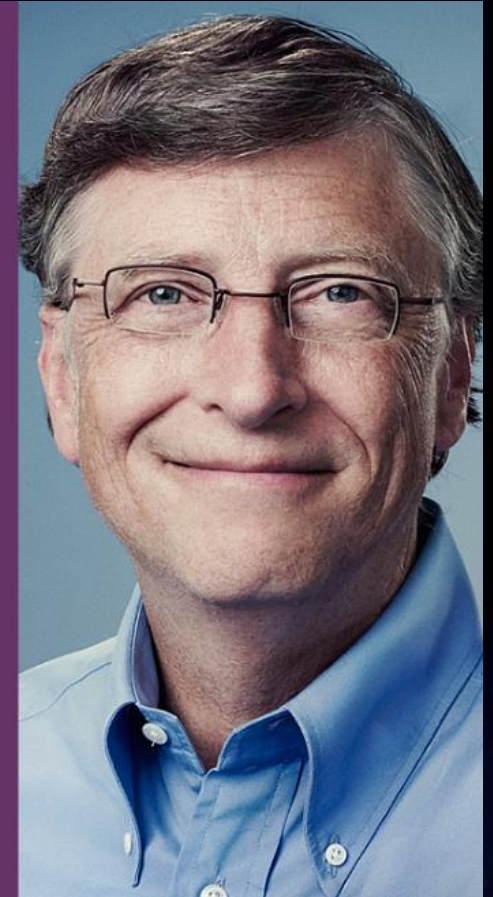
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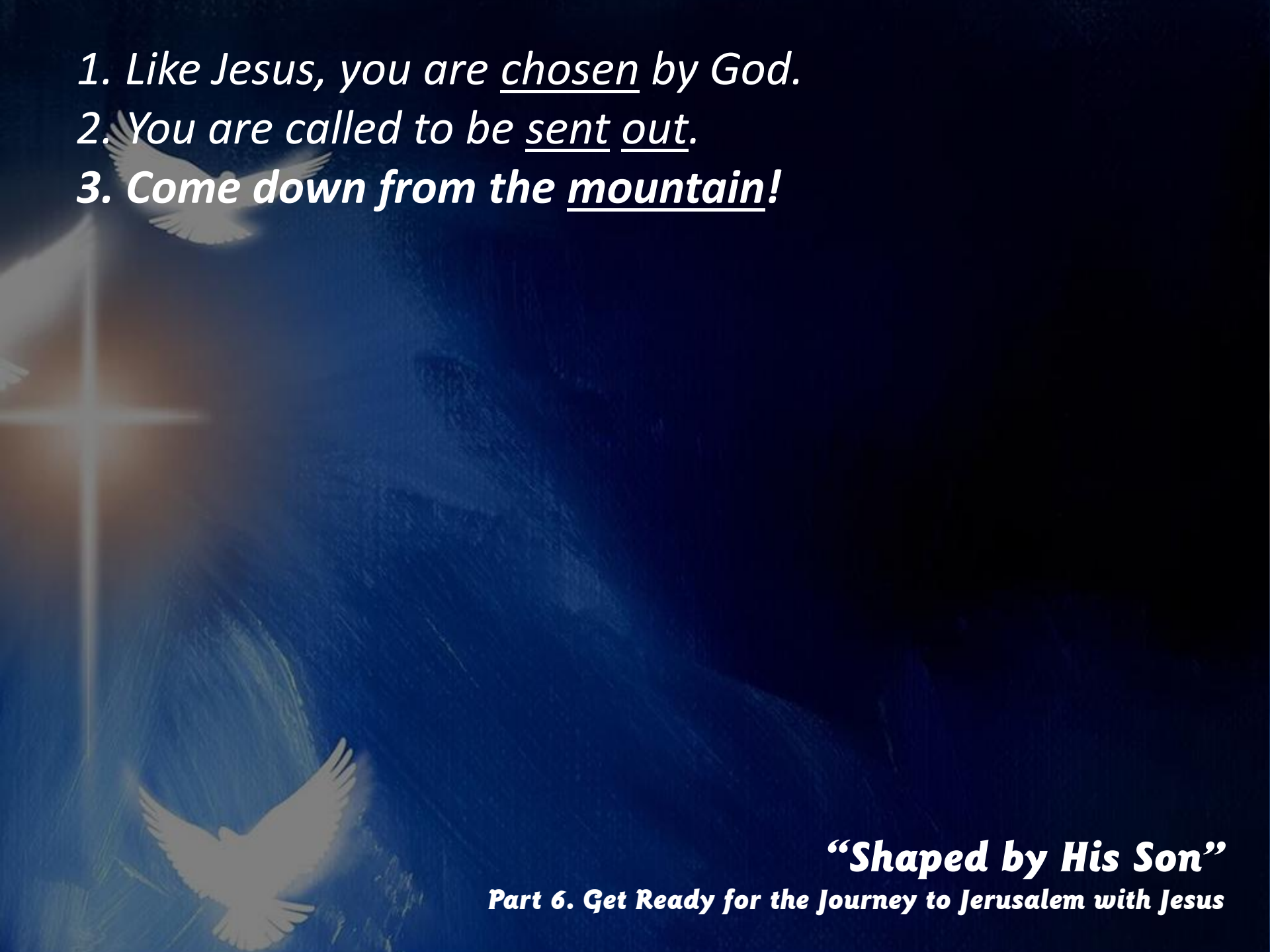
I believe that if you show people the problems and you show them the solutions they will be moved to act.

BILL GATES



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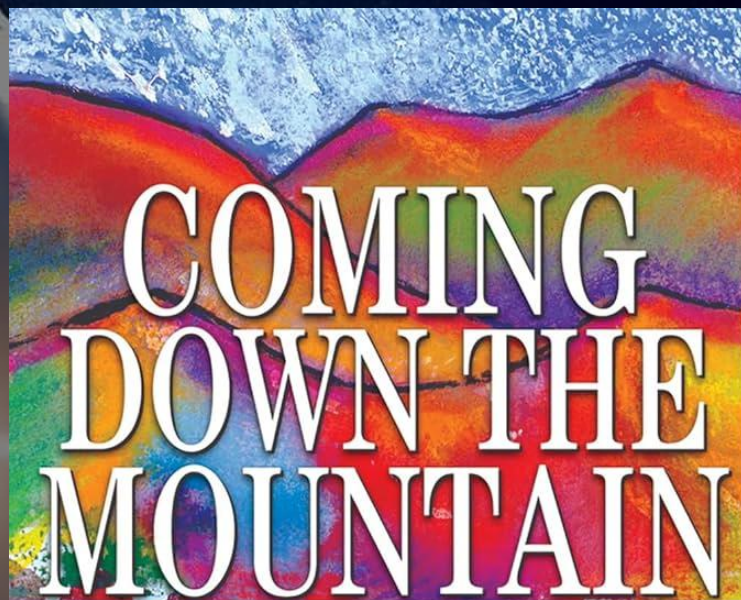
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1. Like Jesus, you are chosen by God.
 2. You are called to be sent out.
 3. **Come down from the mountain!**

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3. Come down from the mountain!



HOW TO TURN
YOUR RETREAT
INTO EVERYDAY
LIVING

Thomas Hart

Monday: "Now, your retreat is over. Get back to all your responsibilities, the challenges of daily existence, and the difficulty of some relationships."

Tuesday: Make Your Retreat Last

Wednesday: Transform

Thursday: Love (not like) Difficult People

Friday: Who Need Me?

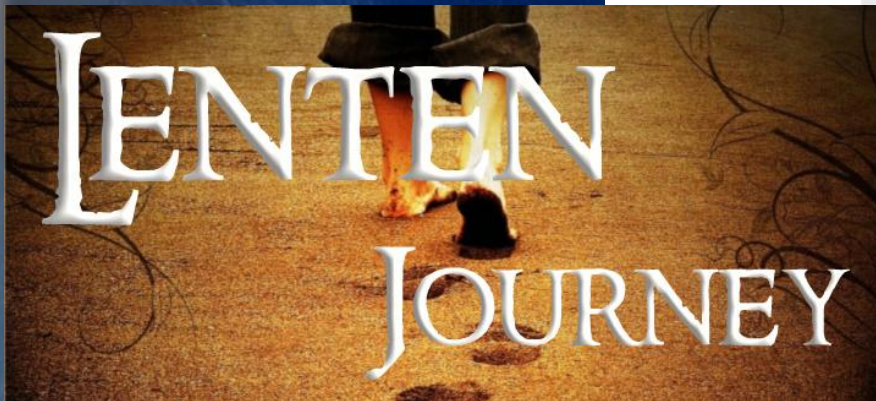
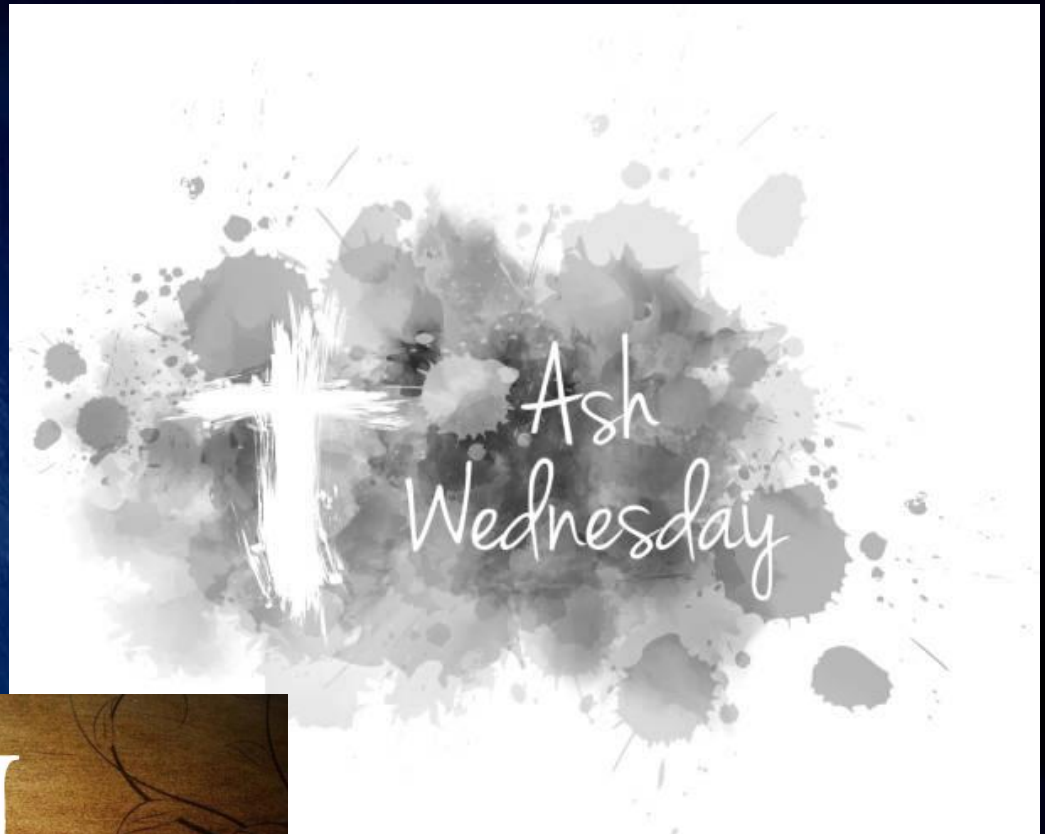
Saturday: Friendship

Sunday: Find God's Will

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