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Signs of His Love - Part 10

Acts 1:10-11, “They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.”

The scene is during Christ’s ascension back into Heaven. As He is going, the disciples are looking up and watching Him disappear into the atmosphere. The word here for watching is literally longing for Him to come back. They were hoping that He would be right back and it is almost like they were planning on camping out there until He did. But, they were shaken by the voices of two ‘men’ dressed in white who had appeared and were standing in their midst. And, in unison, they ask them all a very pointed question. Why do you stand here looking into the sky? In other words, Jesus is going about doing His Father’s business. Heb. 8:1, “We do have such a High Priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.” Thus, you are to do the same - the business of the Father.

I think many times, when we are on the “mountain top” so to speak, with God. We just want to stay there and soak up the experience. We want to dwell there when in fact the mission is in the valley. It reminds me of the lyrics to an old song by Amy Grant called “Mountain Top.”

And I'd love to live on a mountain top
Fellowshipping with the Lord
I'd love to stand on a mountain top
'Cause I love to feel my spirit soar

But I've got to come down from that mountain top
To the people in the valley below
Or they'll never know that they can go
To the mountain of the Lord

Jesus was continuing His ministry, and He was and is, expecting His followers to do the same. I know it is tempting to want to just stay in a moment, but the time is swiftly going by, and there are people all around us that need to know our Savior. They need to hear of His wonderful grace. They need to know that there is hope in Jesus. Remember, there is no Plan B. Jesus has commissioned us and commanded us to go and tell. I recall an old saying: Sometimes we are so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good. Let’s not let that be said of us. We must be about the Father’s business.

Dear Father, we do look forward to Christ’s return. But, help us not to dwell on what we want, but on what You want; for others to be brought into Your Kingdom. That can only happen as we carry out Your call for us to go and tell others about what You have done for us. Help us Lord, be Your salt and Your light, to a world that so desperately cries out for love. Help us introduce them to You. In Jesus Name, Amen