

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)

Sermon: Crosses and Crowns

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Bible Verses: Mark 9:9-13

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The Main idea:

THERE IS _____ WITHOUT _____.

Jesus was transfigured into _____ along with Moses and Elijah in _____ splendor.

Jesus did not want them sharing about the GLORIOUS transfiguration because _____ from his mission of suffering on the cross to save the world.

Jesus went through tremendous suffering, and would not accept the crown until he had the cross. When God pushes me to keep going through difficulties and pain instead of just taking them away, He is developing _____ in me. And that leads to _____!

Practical Application:

God's plan for Jesus was suffering and then glory. John 16:33 is accurate: we will have trouble and there is no way to shortcut my suffering. Instead of only asking, "How do I _____?" ask God, "How do I grow in this? How can this cross _____ for a crown?"

The cross was not an optional way of doing things for Christ and it is not an option in our life. I should change my mindset from, "Suffering is abnormal" to "_____." Perhaps read the book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*.