



Your Mountaintop Moment

My Friend in the Faith:

Can you think of your last “mountaintop moment”?

The phrase itself actually comes from the Bible. Frequently, we read of God astonishing His followers by appearing to them in a fresh way ... on a mountain. God designs such temporal moments to have lifetime effects.

Consider the one with Peter, James, and John recorded in Matthew 17. While atop the mountain, likely Mount Hermon, Jesus' everyday garments transfigured into heavenly splendour right before their eyes. Then, when Peter interrupted Jesus' chat with Elijah and Moses, a thunderous voice from a nearby cloud exclaimed, “This is my dearly loved Son ... Listen to Him.” In respectful fear, they immediately fell facedown on the ground.

The moment ended. The memory endured.

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God privileged Peter, James, and John with this remarkable experience, not to keep them in the moment but to keep the moment in them. They would draw on it to face seemingly impossible obstacles throughout their lives. In fact, that's why all mountaintop experiences occurred in the Bible and why they still occur in our day ... although in a slightly different way.

Periodically, God grants us glimpses of His glory to slow our pace, to seize our attention, to expand our understanding, and to deepen our relationship with Him. These moments often surprise us, coming to us at a place and time when we least expect them—like when we're driving a car or sitting in a classroom or taking our walk, like when we're lying in bed at home half-asleep or at the hospital half-alive. Jesus' identity glimmers more brightly as God's Spirit sparks new insight.

Isn't that what happened to you during your last mountaintop moment?

Here are two strategies for making the most of them:

- 1) ***Never forget what the Lord taught you in the moment.***
- 2) ***Never let the world's obstacles eclipse the divine truth you learned.***

The world pushes plenty of obstacles, even mountain-sized obstacles, at each one of us to make us forget or doubt what we learned from Jesus. That's why we must turn to the Word. It's the Word that keeps the memory alive and the truth active within us. In fact, it's the Word that confirms, clarifies, or even causes the mountaintop moments in our lives.

All of us at Insight for Living Ministries labor diligently for this very reason. We strive to proclaim the living Word with clarity and accuracy so others can have special moments with the living God. Nothing else in our world is more exhilarating or powerful or transformative than meeting and walking with the resurrected Lord.

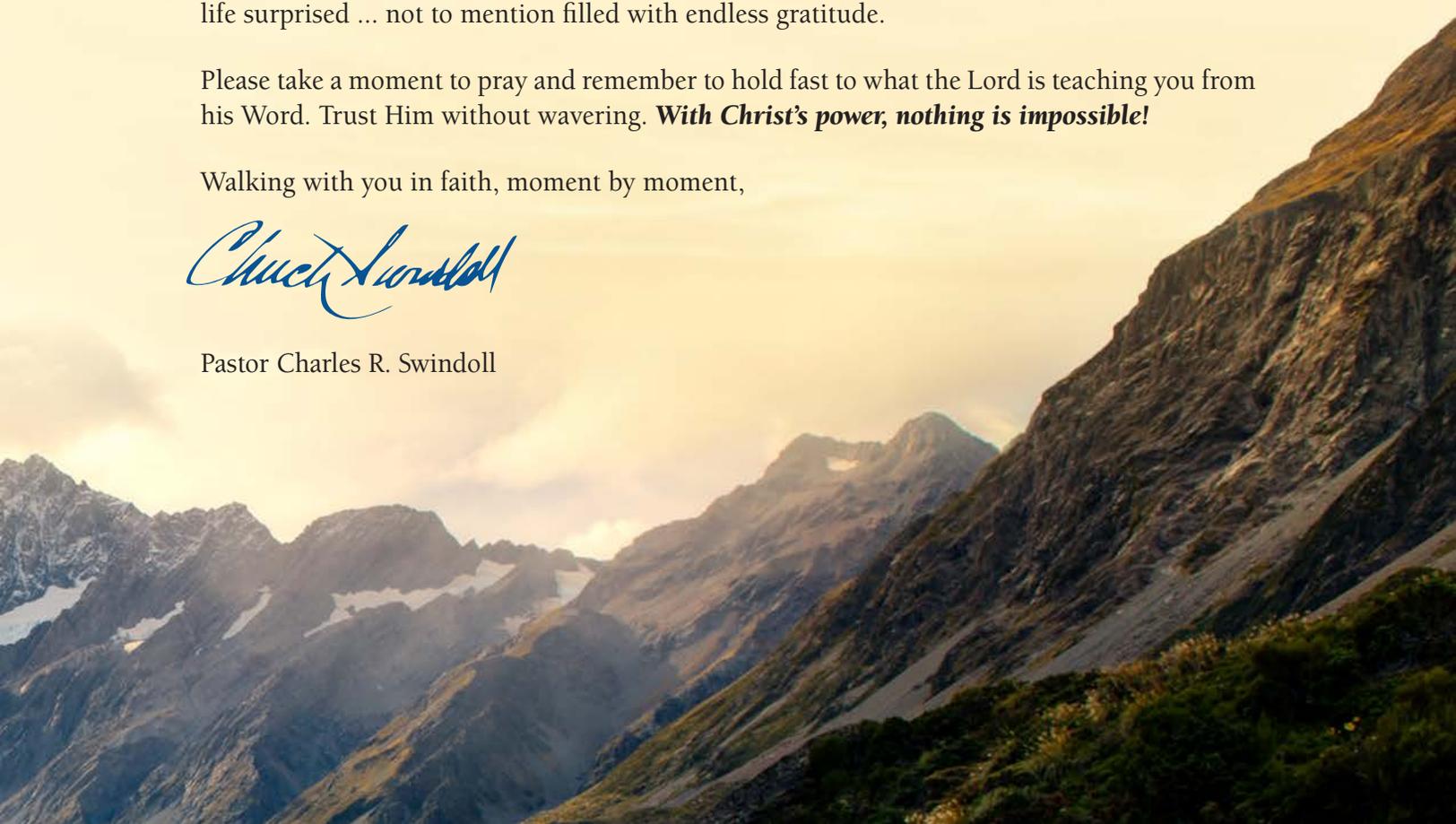
On the radio alone, God's truth goes out to multi-millions of people all over the world—plus to many thousands more on our mobile device app and website. I never envisioned any of this when I started in ministry nearly six decades ago. That's why I like to say that I simply live my life surprised ... not to mention filled with endless gratitude.

Please take a moment to pray and remember to hold fast to what the Lord is teaching you from his Word. Trust Him without wavering. ***With Christ's power, nothing is impossible!***

Walking with you in faith, moment by moment,



Pastor Charles R. Swindoll





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