

2026 DEVOTIONALS | WEEK 31

MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Glory Before the Road to the Cross

AN INTERACTIVE PERSONAL STUDY WORKBOOK

MATTHEW 17 | DANIEL 10 | PSALM 99 | 2 PETER 1 | PSALM 96

THE FATHER REVEALS THE SON'S GLORY.
THE DISCIPLES LEARN TO LISTEN.

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS REMAINS.

THE CRUCIBLE'S FIRE

BIBLICALLY FAITHFUL RESOURCES FOR LIFE IN THE KINGDOM



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Your Week 31 Field Guide

Use this workbook after reading each Week 31 devotional. Keep your Bible open, move slowly through the assigned passage, and plan about 25-35 minutes per day.

This is a guided personal study companion. It does not rebuild the devotionals; it helps you work more deeply with the same source material.

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Father reveals the Son's glory to prepare His disciples to trust Him through suffering.

How to Use This Workbook

1 Read Begin with the assigned passage in your Bible. Keep the text open while you work.	2 Work the Text Observe before applying. Let the passage and devotional focus set the boundaries.	3 Respond Name one faithful practice and entrust your response to the Lord in prayer.
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The Five-Day Journey

01	When Glory Breaks Through	Matthew 17	Trust the beloved Son when His glory leads toward the cross.
02	Unmanageable Glory	Daniel 10	Receive a worldview that honors God's unseen authority without spectacle.
03	The Holy King	Psalms 99	Bow before holiness that confronts and comforts.
04	Eyewitnesses of His Majesty	2 Peter 1	Attend to the trustworthy Word as light in a dark place.
05	Tell the Nations He Reigns	Psalms 96	Worship and witness because the glorious King reigns.

THE WEEK IN CONTEXT

Glory That Prepares Us for the Cross

Use this frame throughout the week. Each day asks how the glory of Jesus teaches disciples to listen, surrender, endure, worship, and bear witness when obedience is costly.

1. Behold

Jesus reveals the glory He already possesses; the disciples see who is walking the road ahead.

2. Listen

The Father identifies Jesus as His beloved Son and commands the disciples to hear Him.

3. Bow

The holiness of God confronts our desire to manage, correct, or reshape His will.

4. Attend

The trustworthy Word gives light in dark places when the full path is not yet visible.

5. Declare

The glory of the King moves outward in worship and witness among the nations.

Weekly Study Question

How does seeing the glory of Jesus prepare me to trust and obey Him when the road is costly?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

At the end of each day, write one sentence of worship and one sentence of obedience. Keep both close together.

DAY 1 | THE GLORY REVEALED

When Glory Breaks Through

PRIMARY READING

Matthew 17

KEY VERSE (CSB)

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!"
(Matthew 17:5)

Place in This Week's Story

The week begins on the mountain, where Jesus lets Peter, James, and John see a glimpse of the glory He already possessed. The moment comes after Jesus has begun speaking about suffering and death, so the revelation does not replace the road to the cross. It prepares the disciples to trust the Son who is walking it.

Read and Observe

What changes in Jesus' appearance in Matthew 17:1-2?

Who appears with Jesus, and how does the devotional connect them to the Law, the Prophets, and God's mountain revelations?

What does Peter try to do, and what might his response reveal about wanting to preserve or manage the moment?

What does the Father say about Jesus, and what command does He give?

INTERPRETIVE GUARDRAIL

Jesus is not one faithful messenger among many. The Father's voice identifies Him as the beloved Son, and listening to Him includes trusting Him when His path leads toward suffering.

INTERPRET AND RESPOND

Listen to the Beloved Son

1 Glory Revealed

The mountain does not add glory to Jesus. It briefly uncovers the glory normally veiled in His humanity.

2 The Father Speaks

The Father's declaration centers attention on the Son and calls the disciples to listen.

3 The Cross Remains

Jesus' glory does not cancel suffering. It steadies faith for the obedience ahead.

Work It Through

Receive: What part of Jesus' teaching or mission is easiest for you to receive right now? What part is hardest?

Resist: Where are you tempted to correct, avoid, or soften something Jesus has clearly spoken?

Remember: Finish this sentence: "When the road becomes difficult, the glory of Jesus reminds me that..."

PRACTICE THIS

Before moving to the next day, name one word from Matthew 17:5 that needs your attention: beloved, pleased, listen, or him. Keep that word in prayer today.

PRAYER / RESPONSE

Father, fix my attention on Jesus. Teach me to trust His identity and listen to His voice when obedience feels costly or the road ahead is uncertain.

DAY 2 | THE UNSEEN REALM

Unmanageable Glory

PRIMARY READING

Daniel 10

KEY VERSE (CSB)

"His body was like beryl, his face like the brilliance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude."
(Daniel 10:6)

Place in This Week's Story

Daniel 10 opens a window into the unseen world without turning spiritual reality into spectacle. Daniel has been mourning, fasting, and seeking understanding. When the vision comes, he cannot manage it, master it, or make it serve his plans.

Read and Observe

What has Daniel been doing before the vision comes?

How does Daniel describe the figure he sees beside the river?

How do Daniel and the men with him respond to the vision?

What does the messenger say about Daniel's prayer being heard?

INTERPRETIVE GUARDRAIL

A biblical view of the unseen realm avoids both dismissal and spectacle. Our confidence rests in the glorious Son who rules over what we can and cannot see.

INTERPRET AND RESPOND

Reverence Without Spectacle

1 The Unseen Is Real

Daniel glimpses a reality already present even when he could not perceive it.

2 God Is Not Manageable

The vision humbles Daniel and exposes the limits of human strength.

3 Grace Draws Near

God's glory overwhelms, yet His mercy sustains those who tremble.

Work It Through

Examine: Where have you reduced God to someone who mainly supports your plans or makes life manageable?

Discern: What is the difference between reverent attention to spiritual reality and fascination with spiritual spectacle?

Remember: Finish this sentence: "One truth I need to remember about the unseen world is..."

PRACTICE THIS

When something feels hidden or delayed this week, pray before trying to control it. Name the limit of your understanding and entrust it to Jesus' authority.

PRAYER / RESPONSE

Father, teach me to honor Your holiness and authority without fear-driven speculation. Thank You that Jesus draws near when my heart trembles.

DAY 3 | THE HOLY KING

The Holy King

PRIMARY READING**Psalm 99****KEYVERSE (CSB)**

"Exalt the LORD our God; bow in worship at his footstool. He is holy."
(Psalm 99:5)

Place in This Week's Story

Psalm 99 does not begin by asking how we feel about God. It announces who He is: the LORD reigns, and He is holy. His authority does not depend on human approval, and His character is not reshaped by our resistance.

Read and Observe

What repeated declaration about God's holiness appears in Psalm 99?

What responses does the psalm call for from the peoples and from worshipers?

How does Psalm 99 connect God's reign with justice?

What do Moses, Aaron, and Samuel show about calling on the Lord?

INTERPRETIVE GUARDRAIL

Holiness is not cold distance. The holy King answers, forgives, corrects, and reigns with justice. Worship receives both His comfort and His authority.

INTERPRET AND RESPOND

Bow Before the King

1 The LORD Reigns

God's kingship is announced before our feelings are consulted.

2 He Is Holy

God is utterly distinct, pure, and unmatched in majesty.

3 He Answers

His holiness includes both mercy and correction for His people.

Work It Through

Confront: Where are you tempted to resist the King's authority while still desiring His care and comfort?

Surrender: What expectation, desire, or personal plan needs to bow before His holiness?

Remember: Finish this sentence: "Before the holy King, I need to surrender..."

PRACTICE THIS

Choose one ordinary act of reverence today: listen before speaking, obey one clear instruction from Scripture, or pray with open hands before making a plan.

PRAYER / RESPONSE

Father, expose the places where I want Your comfort without Your correction. Teach me to listen before I speak and to rest under Your holy rule.

DAY 4 | TRUSTWORTHY WITNESS

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

PRIMARY READING

2 Peter 1

KEY VERSE (CSB)

"For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty." (2 Peter 1:16)

Place in This Week's Story

Years after the transfiguration, Peter still pointed believers back to the mountain. He had seen many remarkable works of Jesus, but when he wanted to strengthen believers under pressure, he remembered the majesty of the Son and the voice of the Father.

Read and Observe

What does Peter deny about the message he preached?

What does Peter say he and the other witnesses saw?

What did the voice from the Majestic Glory say about Jesus?

How does Peter describe the prophetic word?

INTERPRETIVE GUARDRAIL

The transfiguration is not given so believers can chase extraordinary experiences. It teaches us to trust the revealed glory of Jesus and attend carefully to His Word.

INTERPRET AND RESPOND

Attend to the Word

1 Eyewitness Testimony

Peter grounds confidence in what God has done and revealed in history.

2 A Lamp in Darkness

Scripture gives enough light to keep walking when the full path is not visible.

3 Endurance Until Dawn

Hardship is real, but it is not the final reality for those who belong to Christ.

Work It Through

Name: What voices compete most strongly with your attention and obedience to Scripture?

Practice: What concrete practice would help you attend to God's Word during confusion or spiritual darkness?

Remember: Finish this sentence: "This week I will attend more carefully to God's Word by..."

PRACTICE THIS

Set one small, specific Scripture practice for the next 24 hours: reread the passage slowly, write one verse by hand, or pray one truth back to God.

PRAYER / RESPONSE

Father, protect me from building faith on unstable emotions or impressive personalities. Give me courage to walk by the light You have given.

DAY 5 | WORSHIP AND WITNESS

Tell the Nations He Reigns

PRIMARY READING

Psalm 96

KEY VERSE (CSB)

"Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him." (Psalm 96:9)

Place in This Week's Story

Psalm 96 widens worship beyond private experience. The whole earth is summoned to sing, declare, ascribe glory, tremble, and rejoice before the LORD who made the heavens and judges the world with righteousness.

Read and Observe

What commands are repeated in Psalm 96, and who is invited to respond?

What should be declared among the nations and among all peoples?

How does the psalm contrast the LORD with the idols of the peoples?

How does creation respond to the reign of the LORD?

INTERPRETIVE GUARDRAIL

Worship is not only a private inward experience. The glory of the King forms reverent joy and public witness among the nations.

INTERPRET AND RESPOND

Worship That Becomes Witness

1 Sing

The King's glory calls for joyful worship, not detached analysis alone.

2 Declare

God's glory is announced among the nations and all peoples.

3 Tremble and Rejoice

Holiness produces reverence, and righteous judgment gives creation reason for joy.

Work It Through

Review: How has this week's vision of Jesus deepened or corrected your understanding of His glory?

Witness: Where can you speak of Christ's goodness and reign through words, worship, or faithful presence?

Remember: Finish this sentence: "Today I praise Jesus, the glorious King, because..."

PRACTICE THIS

Choose one way to declare His glory in the next 24 to 72 hours: speak encouragement, worship with attention, pray for the nations, or practice faithful presence in a difficult place.

PRAYER / RESPONSE

Father, teach me to worship with reverence and joy. Give me courage to declare the glory and reign of Jesus until all peoples have heard.

APPENDIX | DIG DEEPER

Cross-Reference Study Guide

Use this appendix when you want to keep studying after the daily workbook pages. Read one short path at a time, keep Matthew 17 central, and let each cross-reference sharpen your worship, trust, and obedience.

STUDY GUARDRAILS

Keep Jesus as the beloved Son at the center. Handle Daniel 10 soberly, distinguish Moses' reflected glory from Christ's glory, and keep mission tied to worship.

See His Glory

Read: Matthew 17:1-13; Exodus 24:12-18; Exodus 34:29-35; Hebrews 1:1-4

Study direction: Trace how God reveals His glory, then notice how the Son is not merely another messenger but the radiance and exact expression of God.

Reflect: How does Hebrews 1 help you understand why Jesus stands above Moses and Elijah?

Trust Him on the Road to the Cross

Read: Matthew 16:21-28; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 12:1-3

Study direction: Read these texts as a path from suffering to glory. Notice that Jesus' cross is not a detour from glory but the obedient road by which God's saving purpose is fulfilled.

Reflect: Where do you need to trust Jesus when obedience feels costly or misunderstood?

Bow Before the Holy King

Read: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 6:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29

Study direction: Study holiness as a call to reverence, listening, confession, and obedient response. Let the Father's command to listen to the Son shape the whole section.

Reflect: What would reverent listening look like in one concrete decision this week?

APPENDIX | DIG DEEPER CONTINUED

Follow the Witness of Scripture

These final paths help you connect unseen realities, apostolic testimony, and global worship without losing the week's central burden: listen to the glorious Son.

Remember the Unseen Realm Is Under Christ

Read: Daniel 10:1-21; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 6:10-18; Revelation 1:12-18

Study direction: Hold spiritual conflict soberly and Christ-centrally. These passages affirm unseen realities without inviting fear, speculation, or fascination with details Scripture does not explain.

Reflect: How does Christ's supremacy over visible and invisible realities steady your faith?

Pay Attention to the Word

Read: 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:24-31; Psalm 119:105

Study direction: Follow the theme of trustworthy testimony. The eyewitness witness to Christ leads readers to pay attention to the written Word as light in dark places.

Reflect: What practice would help you attend to Scripture before reacting to competing voices?

Declare His Glory Among the Nations

Read: Psalm 96; Isaiah 49:5-6; Matthew 28:16-20; Revelation 5:6-14

Study direction: Notice how worship and mission belong together. The worthiness of the King sends His glory outward among the nations and gathers worship from every people.

Reflect: Where can your worship become faithful witness in words, prayer, or presence?

SOURCE NOTE

This appendix uses reference-only Scripture paths from the user-provided Week 31 appendix handoff. No full Scripture blocks are quoted here.

WEEK 31 REVIEW

From the Mountain to the Nations

Before you close the week, review what the Lord has shown you. Keep the answers brief enough to remember and concrete enough to practice.

Five Verbs for the Week

RESPONSE	PERSONAL REVIEW PROMPT
Behold	What did I see more clearly about Jesus' glory?
Listen	What word or teaching of Jesus do I need to receive without resistance?
Bow	What desire, plan, or assumption needs to surrender to His holiness?
Attend	What practice will help me stay near the Word in a dark place?
Declare	Where can worship become faithful witness this week?

My Week 31 Response

One truth I need to remember:

One act of obedience I can practice in the next 24 to 72 hours:

One prayer I want to carry forward:

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, glorious Son and rightful King, teach me to behold Your majesty, listen to Your voice, bow before Your holiness, walk by Your Word, and declare Your reign with reverent joy.

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