

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE: The Spirit dwells in me but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive.

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.

Luke 9:51-56 p. 720

SONS OF THUNDER & FIRE FROM HEAVEN • CONVERSATIONS ABT FIRE, THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WARNING:

Brotherhood can lead us to **m i s u n d e r s t a n d** or even **a b u s e** the fire of God.

BUT THAT LESSON PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE REAL LESSON
FROM THE PASSAGE: JESUS SET ON JERUSALEM • NOTHING WILL DETER OR DELAY
HIS GREAT RESOLVE! • I PROCRASTINATE (OR GIVE UP)

Luke 9:20–36 (p. 718)

MY BIGGEST QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN "WHY?"

POSSIBILITY #1:

It's all about the Father's **m e s s a g e** to Peter.

POSSIBILITY #2:

It's all about the revelation of Jesus' **g l o r y** to the inner three.

POSSIBILITY #3:

It's a last-minute **s t a f f m e e t i n g**.

BUT...

THERE'S ONE OTHER TIME WHEN JESUS TOOK THESE THREE ONTO A MOUNTAIN TO PRAY

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Mark 14:32-34

POSSIBILITY #4:

It's all about moral **s u p p o r t**.

JESUS HAS PREDICTED HIS DEATH • CONVERSATION ABOUT HIS DEPARTURE
I SEE IN THIS STORY A "BROTHERHOOD MOMENT"

True brotherhood (or sisterhood) takes you to and through
your **h a r d e s t t i m e s**.

TRUE BROTHERHOOD / SISTERHOOD

- It comes from long **h i s t o r y**.
MOSES FOR 1400 YEARS • ELIJAH FOR 900
- It comes from **s h a r e d** (intense) experiences.
EXODUS • MOUNT CARMEL • THIS MOMENT OF TRANSFIGURATION
- It welcomes different **p e r s p e c t i v e s**.
MOSES DIED • ELIJAH CARRIED AWAY • JESUS WILL DO BOTH
- It overcomes stupid **m i s t a k e s**.
PETER'S COMMENT
- It centers on the will of the **F a t h e r**
and the word of the **S o n**.

Take it home

Who is your brother or sister?

LOOK AROUND YOU... THESE ARE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
BUT BROTHERHOOD MUST BE DEVELOPED

If you don't have one... get one!

GO TO FINAL VERSES ON SCREEN