The Mount of Transfiguration reminds us of what God has given, but now we come down from the mountain top and come face to face with what sin has taken. Man wants to tabernacle with the saints, but God touches the shattered.

I. **The Failures of Feckless Followers**
   A. Lack of Faith (9:37-43a)
   B. Lack of Focus (9:43b-45)

The Word of God is more reliable than the audible voice of God speaking from Heaven.

Too often we take our eyes off the essential.

Too often we take our eyes off the eternal.

   C. Lack of Foresight (9:46-48)
   D. Lack of Familiarity (9:49-50)

II. **The Determinations of Devoted Disciples**
   A. I will orient my focus to the object of my faith rather than the outworking of my faith.
   B. I will embrace all of God’s revelation and reject the world’s errors.
   C. I will strive to serve.
      1. Find greatness in giving, not getting.
      2. Adopt Kingdom values.
   D. I will concentrate on my calling.
      1. There’s a difference between being faithful and being territorial.
      2. There’s a difference between fundamentalism and tribalism.
      3. There’s a difference between looking for a fight and loyalty to the truth.

My greatest danger is I’m using Jesus instead of Jesus using me.

Jesus just got finished telling us not to bring a cushion, but to bring a cross.

God hasn’t called you to be successful; He’s called you to be surrendered.

Discipleship requires a death sentence for your ego, but it results in your deliverance for eternity.