From Mountaintop to Ministry	
Ministry brings the hope of the mountaintop into the trenches of life. • "On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him." (Luke 9:37–39, ESV)	
Ministry exposes our weaknesses and exalts the sufficiency of our Lord Jesus Christ. • "And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astonished at the majesty of God. (Luke 9:40–42a, ESV)	

The sacrifice required	by ministry finds	purpose in
the hope of the moun	taintop.	

• "And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying." (Luke 9:43–45, ESV)