

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

AUGUST 2

"GOD IS ETERNAL"

Scripture Reference

- **Luke 9:28-36**



Quick Re-Cap

→ Today we're talking about how God is Eternal. Eternal means forever. God has no beginning and no end! God doesn't have a birthday, because he was never born. He's just always been. It can be hard to wrap our brains around that God has ALWAYS been there, and will ALWAYS be there. Because we are people, we have a lifetime. Also because we are people, we have sin in our lives that make us not be able to be with God. But God, for ALL ETERNITY, has had a plan to save us from our sins. That plan was to send his son, Jesus, to give his life as the ultimate sacrifice so that we can be with him forever. How cool is it that the God of the universe, that has always existed and will always exist, loves us so much that he would make that sacrifice? Our job is to then listen to Jesus and do what he tells us to do.

Illustration

There was a really cool moment in Luke 9 that illustrates a bit about just how long eternity is. Jesus went up a mountain with his friends Peter, James and John. While they are there, Jesus' glory was revealed. When they were all together, Moses and Elijah appeared! This shouldn't have been possible because they both lived HUNDREDS of years before Jesus and his friends were born. But with an Eternal God, all things are possible. The same God that used his law to reveal himself and pursue Moses' people, and used Elijah during the time of prophets to show how much he loved his people so long ago, was now sharing his plan to save ALL people through Jesus' willing sacrifice. God has been the same throughout history, always desiring to be with us forever. Through Jesus, that is possible.

Application

→ What is our response to an Eternal God that has been loving and pursuing us for all of time? At the end of that moment in Luke 9, Peter, James, and John heard a voice from Heaven talking about Jesus that said "This is my Son, my Chosen One, listen to Him." (v. 35). That's what we can do! Our job during our temporary life on Earth is to follow Jesus, and listen to what he says. We must recognize that God is God, and we are not. We are called to follow, serve, and surrender our lives to him. This week, let's ask God for his help to listen to and obey his word!

Convo Starters

- What does it mean to you that God is Eternal?
- How can we listen to what Jesus says?
- What are some ways to choose obedience to Jesus this week?

