

# MOUNTAINS

At the back of my house, there is an incredible view of some mountains. But, on this particular morning, there is such a dense fog that the view is completely obscured. In fact, if you were here visiting me for the first time, you would just have to trust me and believe by faith that those mountains even exist. I can tell you all about their beauty. I marvel at them every day. I've driven around them. I've hiked them. I've touched them. I've fully experienced those mountains. But you, on the other hand, are just looking at a few feet of my back yard and then dense fog. I can even get very passionate and emotional about the beauty of those mountains and how incredible they are. But you, on the other hand, still see just a few feet of my back yard and then dense fog. I can tell you about my hikes and the details of all that I've seen there. But if I can't even get you to trust there's a mountain there in the first place, you won't care much about the details of my journeys.

And so it is with a Christian trying to tell a non-Christian about Jesus. Jesus is real. I talk with Him every day. I've experienced His salvation, His grace and power in my life, His answered prayer, His discipline. I've marveled at His beauty and majesty. I've laughed with Him, cried with Him, worshiped Him. He is as visible to me spiritually as those mountains are to me physically on a clear, sunny day.

But when I tell a non-Christian about Jesus, well, you feel like you're in that dense fog. You can't see Him. It doesn't make sense to you. But deep down inside, there's an emptiness there, because it's an emptiness that only Jesus can fill. We are separated from God the Father because of sin. The only way to reconnect is by way of the cross, Jesus Christ.

It does require a step of faith. I promise you that as you turn to Jesus and tell Him that you're confused, that it all doesn't make sense yet, but, as best you can, you believe He is the Son of God and you want Him in your life, He will embrace you. He will save you. He will give your heart a peace like you've never known. The fog will begin to lift and you will see His glory.

As for those mountains? Well, they're beautiful; but they can't begin to compare to the One who created them. Trust me.

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