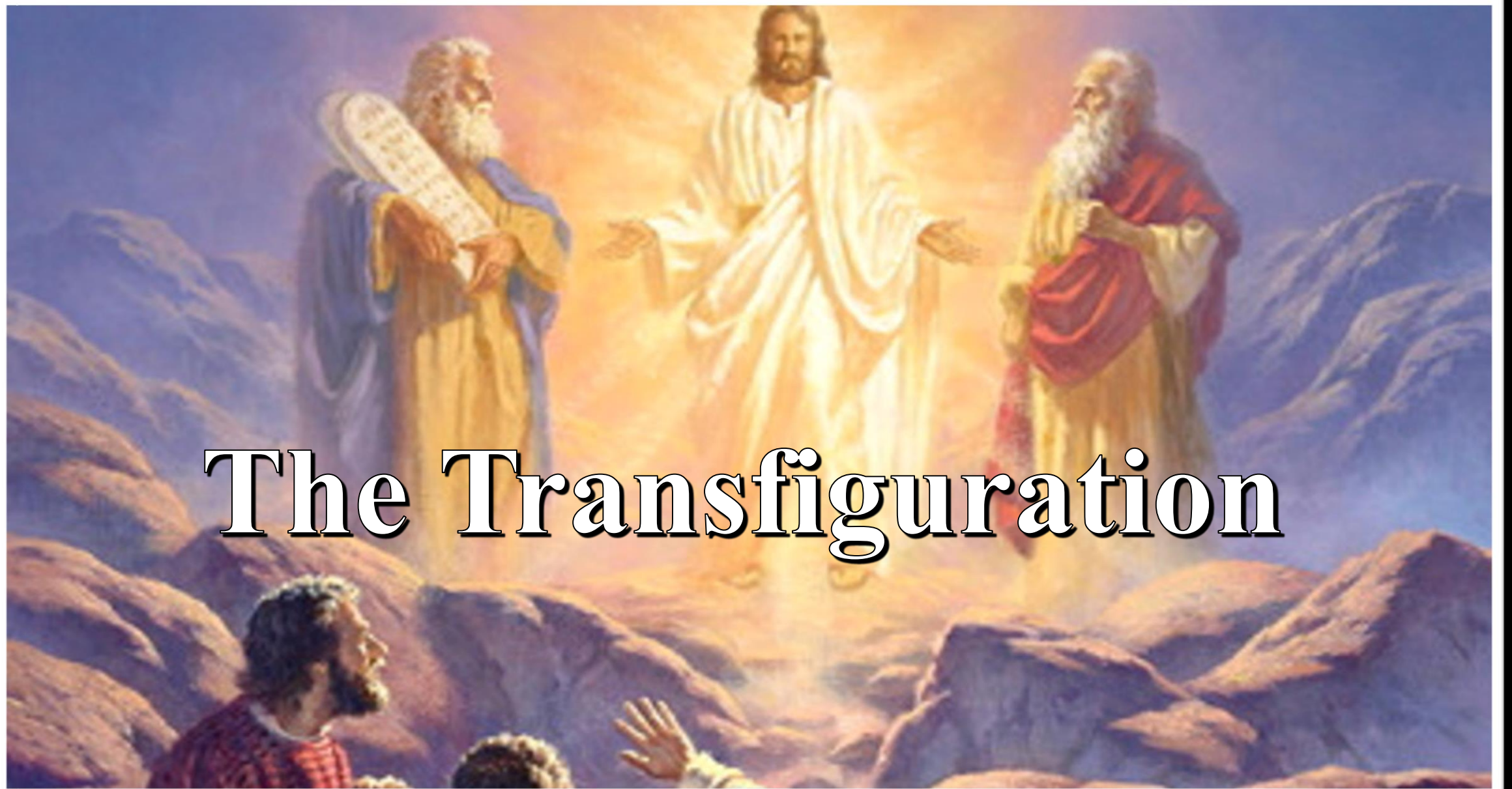


A scenic view of a beach with waves, a white cross, and birds in the sky. The background shows a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. In the foreground, there are some green and brown plants. A large white cross is superimposed on the left side of the image. The sky is blue with a few birds flying. The text "Senior Bible Study Ministry" is centered in the upper half of the image.

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The Transfiguration

Matthew 17 (NIV)

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

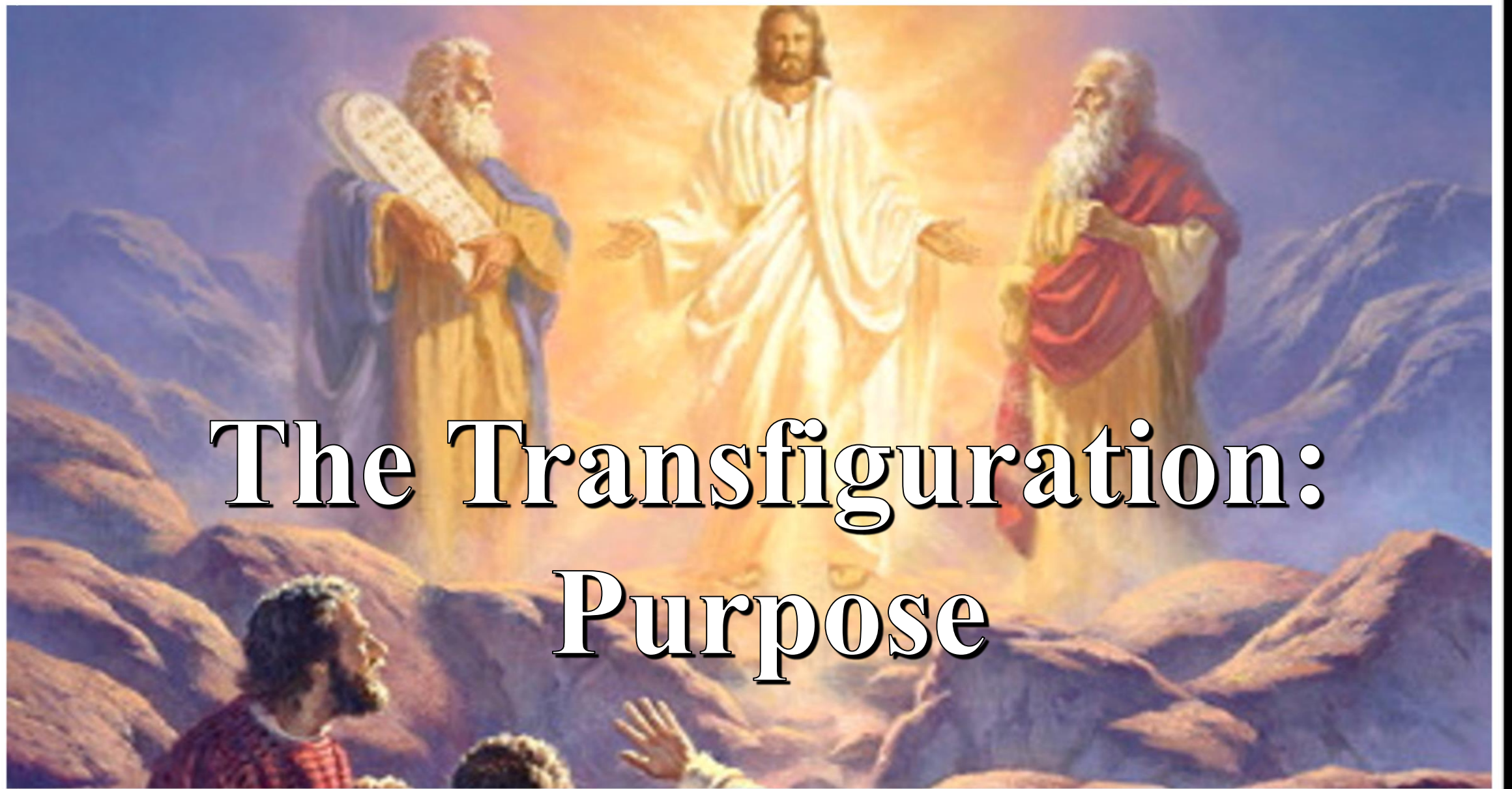
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5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17 (NIV)

10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” 11 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.



The Transfiguration: Purpose

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- Demonstration of Jesus' divine nature
 - Radiant face & clothing
 - Comparison with Exodus 34:29-35 (Moses' face shining)
 - Jesus is the radiance of God's glory
 - Jesus is the image of the invisible God

The Transfiguration: Purpose

- Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies
 - The Ancient of Days and the Son of Man

“thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. (Daniel 7:9-10 NIV)
 - Elijah's return before the day of the Lord (Malachi 4:5-6)
 - A prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15)
 - You are my Son (Psalms 2:7)

The Transfiguration: Purpose

- Strengthening the faith of the disciples
 - The disciples' fear & confusion
 - Jesus' comforting touch & words
 - Present sufferings & future glory

*18 “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”
(Romans 8:18 NIV)*

The Transfiguration: Purpose

- Confirmation of Jesus as the Son of God
 - God's voice from the cloud
 - God's voice at Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:17)
 - The Father's testimony about Jesus

37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, (John 5:37 NIV)

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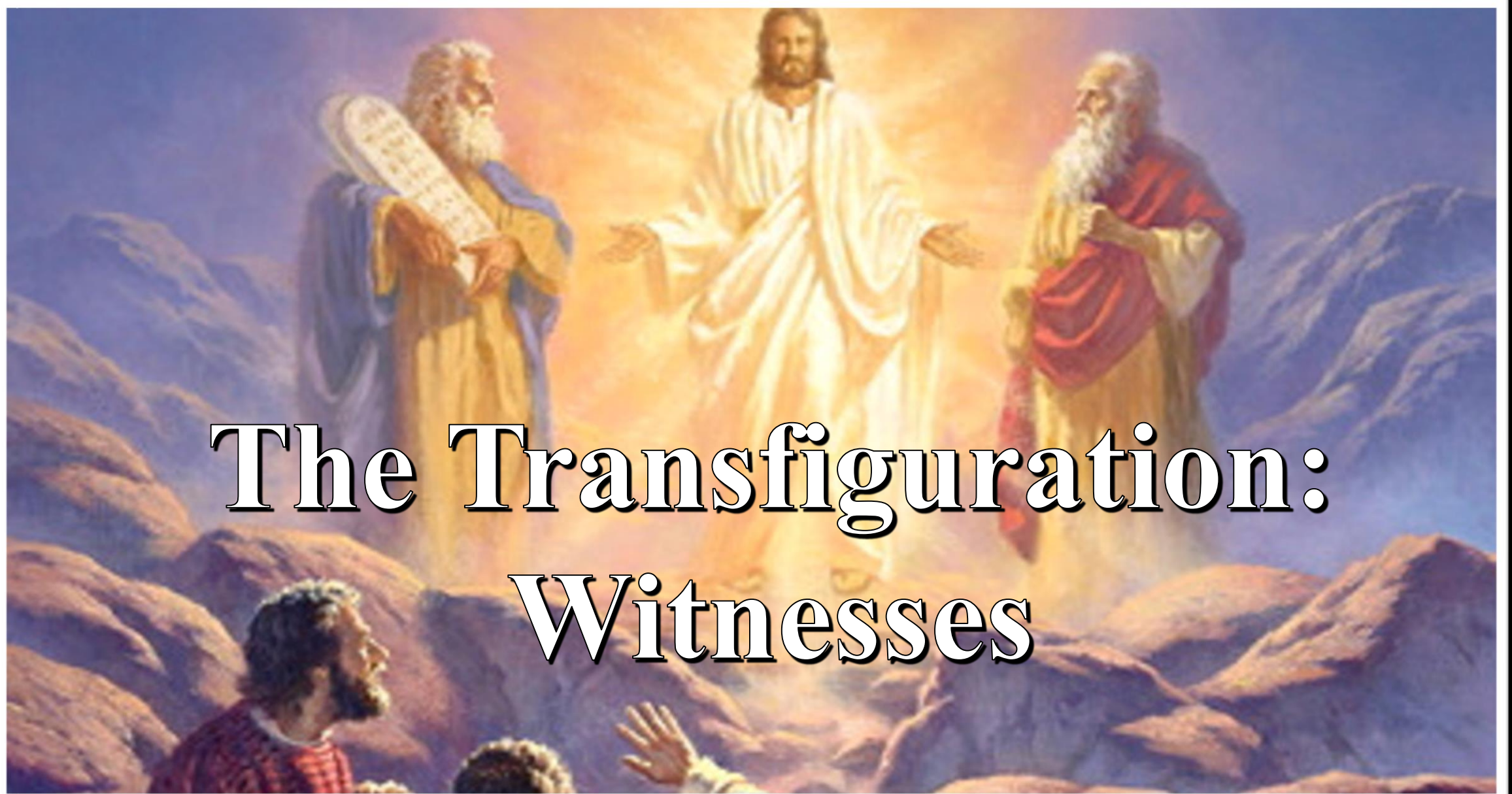
- Preparation for Jesus' upcoming suffering & death
 - Jesus predicts His death & resurrection
 - Jesus' troubled soul

27 “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.” (John 12:27 NIV)

- Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame
(Hebrews 12:2)

The Transfiguration: Purpose

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)



The Transfiguration: Witnesses

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- Key Witnesses: Peter, James, John
 - Inner Circle Disciples
 - Pillars of the early church
 - Witnessed Jairus' daughter's resurrection
 - Witnesses at Gethsemane

The Transfiguration: Witnesses

- Moses and Elijah's appearance
 - Old Testament representatives
 - Moses represented the Law
 - Elijah represented the Prophets
 - Elijah's prophetic return

(Malachi 4:5-6)

The Transfiguration: Witnesses

5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” (Malachi 4:5-6 NIV)

- Jesus fulfills the Law & Prophets (Matthew 5:17)
- Righteousness apart from the Law (Romans 3:21)

The Transfiguration: Witnesses

- Divine affirmation - Voice from heaven glorifies God's name

*28 Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”
(John 12:28 NIV)*

A religious painting depicting the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus is shown in the center, glowing with a golden light, wearing a white robe. He is flanked by two figures, likely Moses and Elijah, who are also glowing and wearing long robes. The background is a dramatic, mountainous landscape with a blue sky. In the foreground, the heads and hands of several people are visible, looking up in awe at the divine light.

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

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- Spiritual Experience
 - Encountering the divine
 - Transformation of the heart and mind
 - Strengthening of faith
 - Revelation of God's glory
 - Deepening of spiritual understanding

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

- Encountering the divine
 - Jesus' transformation
 - Jacob wrestles with God
 - Moses and the burning bush
 - Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:1-5)
 - Paul's encounter on the road to Damascus

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

- Transformation of the heart & mind
 - Renewal of the mind (Romans 12:2)
 - Transformation into Christ's likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - Christ lives in me (Galatians 2:20)
 - New self in God's likeness (Ephesians 4:22-24)

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

- Strengthening of faith
 - Faith is the assurance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1)
 - Testing of faith produces perseverance (James 1:2-4)
 - Faith refined by fire (1 Peter 1:6-7)

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

- Revelation of God's glory
 - Jesus' radiant appearance
 - Moses saw God's glory
 - Jesus' glory comes from the Father (John 1:14)

The Transfiguration: Spiritual Experience

- Deepening of spiritual understanding
 - The Lord gives wisdom (Proverbs 2:6)
 - Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5)

Application

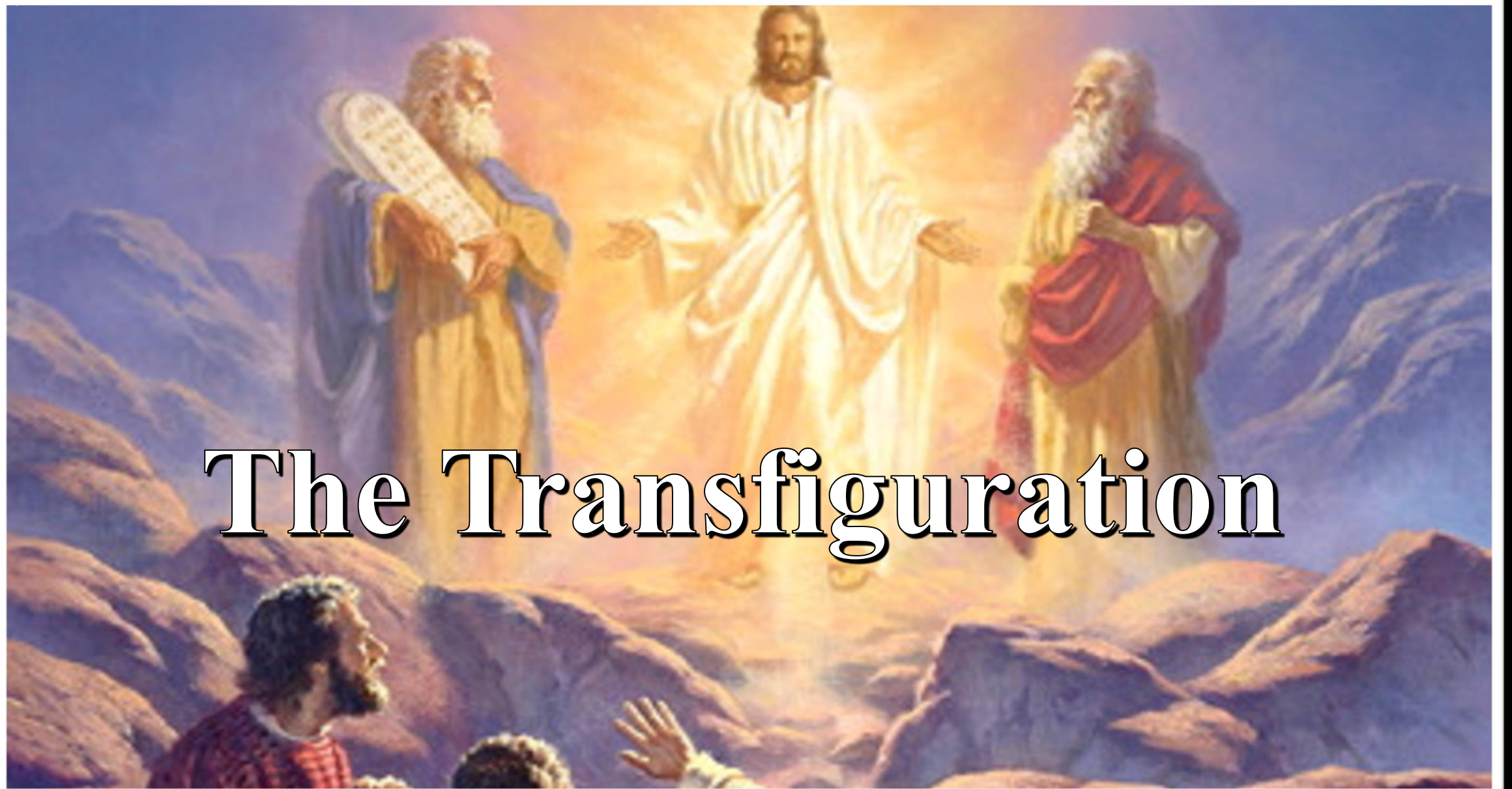
- Reflect on your personal spiritual experiences
- Seek transformation through prayer & Scripture
- Stand firm in faith through trials
- Recognize God's glory in your daily life
- Allow the Spirit to grow you in spiritual understanding

Main Point

The transfiguration of Jesus was God's provision of the need of Jesus and the disciples for unusual strength to face the future trials.

Questions

Where do you get your strength when facing life's trials?



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