

## Reflection Saturday week 18 – 2021

In the Old Testament God was often encountered on a mountain. Moses received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. Elijah encountered God on a mountain. Yesterday in the transfiguration Peter, James and John discovered the divinity of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Mountains, however, also symbolise obstacles that are too difficult to move, like the child who was possessed. Yet, many times in life have we not been helped because of our faith in Jesus who overcomes these immovable mountains. They are many times we thank God for the gift of Faith we have received.

### Story

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smokies built a new church on a piece of land they inherited. Ten days before its opening, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the car park was inadequate for the size of building. They needed to double the car park size if they wanted to open. Unfortunately, the church had used every inch of the land except for the mountain behind it. They would have to move the mountain if they wanted more car park space. Undaunted, the pastor announced that there would be a three-hour prayer session on Sunday to pray that their car park would be ready so they could open the following weekend. At the end of the prayer session the pastor confidently announced, "We'll open next Sunday as scheduled! God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too." The next morning there was a loud knock at his door. A rough looking construction foreman appeared, "Excuse me, Reverend. I'm from Acme Construction Company in the next county. We're building a huge shopping mall. We need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind the church? We'll pay for the dirt and pave all the exposed area free of charge if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly. The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned!!