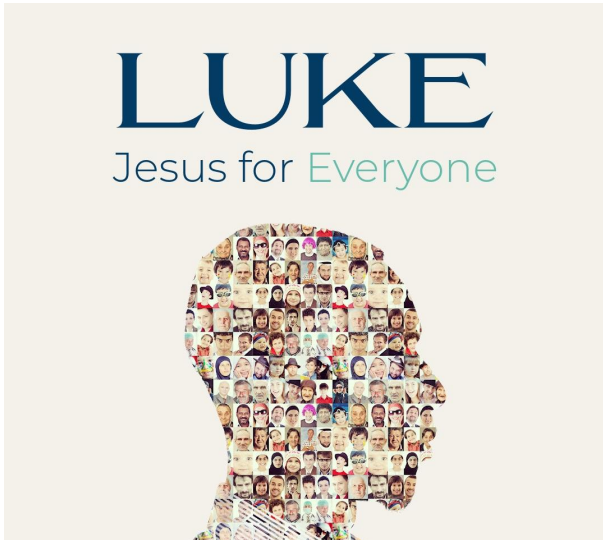


# LUKE: JESUS FOR EVERYONE

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## Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the

voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. What kind of "mountaintop" spiritual experiences have you had? When have you felt and experienced the presence of God in such a way that you wanted to just dwell in the moment forever?
3. Do you think the transfiguration of Jesus tells us anything about our own possibilities for transformation? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think Jesus isn't transformed alone, but in the community of Moses and Elijah?
5. What do you make of one pastor's summary interpretation of this story from Peter's perspective : "Jesus, let's just pitch some tents and hang out on this mountain. It's so pretty up here, and down there things are getting heavy. It's too political. You might get hurt. Nobody wants to see you get mixed up in all that." And Jesus said, "LOL, Peter. Get your hind end back to work."
6. Reflect on the hard and messy work of transformation. How might the season of Lent inspire and direct this process? See Lent resources below.

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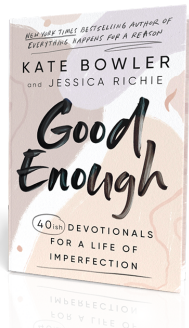
# LENT

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## RESOURCES FOR LENT

**South Elkhorn's 2022 Lent Guide** provides a brief overview of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and provides ideas on how you might practice and experience Lent. A printed version is available in the foyer or you can view and download online at

[southelkhorncc.org/Lent](https://southelkhorncc.org/Lent)



### **Lenten Devotional**

#### **Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection**

*By Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie*

A compassionate, intelligent, and wry series of Christian daily reflections on learning to live with imperfection in a culture of self-help that promotes endless progress. These reflections intersect with Pastor Michael's Lenten sermon series *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Faith and Life*.

### **Ash Wednesday**

March 2, 2022

6:30 PM, Historic Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and prepares our hearts for the celebration of new life at Easter.

During the Ash Wednesday service, ashes are spread on foreheads or on hands in the shape of a cross. The ashes signify a time of self-examination, repentance, and return to the God who made us in all our fragile wonder: "from dust you were made and to dust you shall return."

The service for this day is contemplative and intimate, inviting deep personal reflection through prayer, scripture, song, and coming forward to receive ashes. Learn more and [RSVP online or contact the church office](#).

### **A Special Opportunity This Lent**

South Elkhorn is collecting gifts during the 40 days of Lent to make a transformative impact for an Afghan family. Learn more about how your Lenten fast or spiritual discipline can lead to new life at [southelkhorncc.org/refugee](https://southelkhorncc.org/refugee)

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