

# Come off the Mountain

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Bobby Thompson hit the most famous home run in baseball history, one that capped the Brooklyn Dodgers remarkable pennant race. As he entered the dugout, his brother said to him, "This is the greatest moment of your life!" Immediately, he was depressed.

Peak moments carry great dangers. After saving the world, Noah is betrayed by his children. After the revelation at Sinai, Israel goes on to build the golden calf.

There is nothing quite so unmasking as a dream achieved. What happens after?

Inspiration is not enough. Life is not defined solely by moments of passion that stir our blood. Each morning reminds us that life is measured by renewed and persistent effort.

Falling in love brings an unrivaled passion, exciting and electrifying. But listen to the language — falling in love. We cannot fall every day of our lives and keep our footing. Sooner or later we must walk steady in love. The movie fades out in the embrace. What of all the years that follow?

The most famous mountain in history is Sinai. And no one knows where it is. Perhaps God was afraid people would spend all their time up there. What we need to do is not camp on the mountaintop, but live down below.