

Rossville Church of Christ

Doorpost Devo



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Encouragement from God's Word

Our Brother Jesus

We know Jesus is our Savior. We know he is Lord over all. We know he is the mighty Son of God and the creator and sustainer of the universe. But do we also know him as our brother? What an astounding thought to consider Jesus as our faithful and loving older brother. Look at what the Hebrews writer says:

Scripture Plan: Read

Mon, Tues, Wed.:

Hebrews 2:5-9 Each Night

Thurs., Fri., Sat.:

Hebrews 2:10-18 Each Night

Devo Plan

1. Mon.--Read and Pray Together
2. Tues.--Read, Pray, Ask Questions, and Discuss
3. Wed.--Read, Pray, and Think about how to Apply
4. Thurs.-Sat.--Repeat steps 1-3 with New Passage
5. Sunday--Pray and Reflect on What was Learned in Worship and Class

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Discussion Questions

Hebrews 2:5-9

Discussion #1: Why is Jesus better than angels?

Discussion #2: What does subjection mean? Why is that word important in this passage?

Discussion #3: What do we see about Jesus? How does seeing him help us in difficult times?

Hebrews 2:10-18

Discussion #1: What does it mean that Jesus is our brother? How does he understand humanity?

Discussion #2: How does Jesus help us? How can we know that he wants to help?

Discussion #3: What does it mean that Jesus is merciful and faithful? How does that impact how we view Jesus?

Apply and Obey

To obey what God says, this upcoming week I will...

I will share what I learned with...

Prayer Points

- Lord, Thank You--for sending Jesus as our brother to take on humanity.
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- Lord, We Praise You--for your wisdom and compassion in your plan to give us Jesus as our Savior
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- Lord, Help Us--to go to Jesus always for help and to trust in you.

"For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again "Behold, I and the children God has given me." Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." (Hebrews 2:10-18)

Have we ever pondered or meditated upon this great truth that Jesus is our brother? To know this dimension of a relationship with the Master, Lord, and Savior of the universe dramatically shifts my understanding of my own identity and purpose. So what does Jesus being our brother mean for those of us who are in Christ?

First, it reminds us that we have a common Father. We share a common relationship with our Father in heaven since the one who sanctifies (Jesus) and those who are being sanctified have the same source. This means we are deeply beloved, adopted, chosen, and destined for a great inheritance. Jesus as our brother brings many sons to glory, meaning we get to share in his glorious inheritance and future. He doesn't hog the riches of the Father's abundance. He generously allows us to share in what we do not deserve whatsoever. So why do we get glory when we deserve the opposite? Because of what our brother Jesus has done for us and because we are sons and daughters of the Father.

Second, the brotherhood of Jesus reminds us that he is not ashamed of us. We are not outsiders that he looks down upon, and he is not even an embarrassed older sibling. Hebrews 2:11 tells us that he is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters. In fact, he gladly and joyfully praises the name of God alongside of us as we worship our Father. What a beautiful picture to think about Jesus singing with us as beloved children of God as one joyful family. We are not unwanted stepchildren. We are not an embarrassment to the family name. We are eagerly embraced and welcomed by our proud older brother.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the *doorposts* of your house and on your gates." --Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Third, because Jesus is our brother, he understands us and delivers us. He is not unaware of our weaknesses or distant from our problems. He is intimately involved in our lives because he took on humanity in order to share in what we share in and to deliver us from death. He took on flesh and took on death so that we might share in his glory. He is not an aloof older brother. He a brave brother who comes near to save us. He does not shield himself from our problems but willingly takes them on in order to be our deliverer and rescuer.

Fourth, he is an older brother who is able to help us when we are tempted. He is able to empathize with our temptations and our weaknesses as one who has suffered but who has triumphed over temptation. He knows the way of struggle but also the way of victory because he was tempted just as we are, yet without sin himself. He was made like his brothers and sisters in every respect for this very purpose—to be a faithful and ever-present help to us in our time of need. His offer of help is not hands-off or full of judgment; his help is full of understanding and compassion.

Thank God the Father for our brother. He reminds us who we belong to. He is not ashamed to claim us and to be at our side. He shares in our humanity in order to understand us and deliver us. And he is able to help us because he has suffered and been tempted as we are. What a blessing to have a great Savior who is also our beloved older brother!

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