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## The Final Word

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### TODAY'S READING: Hebrews 1

The second child...if you know, you know. The second child in a family is unique and often feisty; we will use that word. I can say this because I am a second child and I am married to a second child. Younger siblings cannot compete physically with older siblings, so their verbal skills and wit often develop faster. I feel like I was lulled into parental complacency with our first child, who was incredibly easy. Then our second child, Brayden, was born. I truly believed knowing how to trigger others to frustration/anger was a learned trait until he was born. Brayden is to pushing others' buttons as Mozart was to the harpsichord; it comes very naturally to him. Don't get me wrong, I love him unconditionally, but he is the stereotypical younger sibling who is very feisty. Being married to a second child also presents some unique opportunities as well regarding communication. We always want the last word in any conversation, especially in verbal sparring matches. With every conversation, someone has to have the final word.

The Book of Hebrews starts by explaining the supremacy and excellency of Jesus Christ. The author knew his audience and immediately began the letter to the Hebrews focusing on Christ. One of the things that really jumps out to me is how frequently speaking is referenced throughout the chapter. I love the imagery in Hebrews 1:3, which reads, "*He upholds the universe by the word of his power.*" He upholds the entire universe not just through His power but by the word of His power.

Jesus Christ is the final Word. He is the authority, author, and final word in all things. This means there is so much freedom for the believer. Jesus Christ is over all and holds all things together. I can let go of the anxiety that plagues me and rest that He has a plan and controls all things. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh. He is God incarnate and has overcome the grave. He holds the keys of death and Hades. Rest in Him today, and allow your soul to take solace in our Savior today. Today, spend some time responding to God in praise that Jesus is the final Word and ask Him to help you rest in Him, knowing He is in control.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Hebrews 2

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