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HEBREWS: Jesus Is Better
Consider Jesus
Hebrews 3:1-6

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We all come through the doors every Sunday with our own stories. Some stories you can't wait to share. Not too long ago, Amy and I became grandparents. We couldn't wait to show pictures and tell you how perfect little Maggie was. But some stories enter this place each week and remain silent because they are just too painful. The person sitting around you this morning might have come into this place asking, "Can I keep going?" Some seasons in our lives are just plain hard. Unanswered questions. Weakness. Temptations.

Hebrews was written to people who knew something about weariness too. They too were tired, battling fear, and tempted to walk away. They too were looking at circumstances and couldn't imagine having enough strength to walk it out.

And God used the writer of Hebrews to speak into that kind of weariness. So, whether you have entered the room with joy to share or a burden to carry, you are in the right place. And Hebrews is the right word to hear together.

Hebrews 3:1-6
Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

TENSION
We live inside a tension that is very real. Hebrews 2:8-9 describes it well.

Hebrews 2:8-9
At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus..."

We do not yet see everything. But we see Jesus. And look at the Jesus Hebrews has just shown us. We see Him suffering and tasing death. We see Him crowned with glory and honor. We see Him as our merciful and faithful High Priest.

And then Hebrews 3:1 opens with a powerful word: "Therefore."

<u>MOVEMENT 1 — CONSIDER JESUS</u>

Hebrews 3:1-2
Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

HOLY BROTHERS
Before we get to the command, look who is receiving the command.

"Holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling."

Before Hebrews tells them what to do, it reminds them who they are. Grace comes first. God has called them. Christ has sanctified them. And now, from inside this relationship established by His grace, comes the command:

"Therefore...Consider Jesus."

I love the simplicity and freedom of that.

THINK FROM CHRIST
Do you have some struggling thoughts and persistent doubts this morning? Then let's learn something together. Let's learn how to think FROM Christ. Not merely to think ABOUT Christ. To think FROM Christ.

Instead of Jesus becoming the last thought after we have considered everything else, He becomes and remains the first. That is what Hebrews continues to teach us. It doesn't give us a list of truths about Jesus and then leave those truths sitting on the page.

CONSIDER JESUS
And so, can we do this together this morning? "Consider Jesus." That word "consider" is more than a casual observation or passing thought. It is deliberate, careful attention. Look carefully Think deeply. Fix your attention upon Him.

Because when hardship, pain, fear, or weariness enters our story, our attention can go everywhere. We can stare at the circumstance or ourselves. We can stare at whether we have enough strength to make it through.

But Hebrews says: Consider Jesus first. Consider Jesus to the point that the truth about who He is begins to rule how you understand everything else. That doesn't mean the circumstance isn't real. The hurt, the tempation, and the feeling of weakness is real. But so is Jesus.

APOSTLE & HIGH PRIEST
Hebrews 3:1 this tell us…consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. He is the Apostle, the One sent from God. He is the High Priest, the One who represents His people before God. Those aren't just random titles. When you hear Apostle and High Priest together, our confession becomes a powerful thought. The One who comes from God has come for us. And he was faithful to Him who appointed Him.

And because He was faithful through every temptation and suffering, He is able to help us through our every temptation and suffering. So, when you are tired... When temptation keeps coming back... When you cannot see how the road in front of you is going to work out...Consider Jesus.

Are you starting to see how Hebrews is wanting to reshape our thinking? To think FROM Christ. Don't stop at what you know to be true about Jesus. Follow the truth about Jesus all the way through its therefore for your life Because the faithfulness of Jesus means He is someone we can trust with our whole lives.

MOSES
And then Hebrews introduces Moses to the passage.

Hebrews 3:2
who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

Jesus was faithful. Moses was faithful. Greater glory is not going to come by making Moses smaller. Hebrews is going to let Moses stand in the full honor God Himself gave him. And then it is going to show us someone worthy of even greater glory.

MOVEMENT 2 — SEE THE GREATER GLORY OF THE SON

Don't miss this. Hebrews isn't taking an unfaithful Moses and comparing him to a faithful Jesus. Moses was faithful. In fact, I think Moses needs to become greater in our imagination this morning before the comparison with Christ can carry its full weight.

Let's back to the book of Numbers and hear what God said about Moses.In Numbers 12, Miriam and Aaron had risen up against Moses. They were asking, "Has the LO RD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?"
God heard their argument and answered them.

Numbers 12:6-8
And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. 7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. 8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

How does God refer to Moses? To the one God spoke "mouth to mouth," God called him, "My servant Moses." So before "servant" becomes a place of contrast in Hebrews 3, it is a place of incredible honor in Numbers 12. Moses is one of the greatest servants of God in all of Israel's history. So Hebrews isn't diminishing Moses in order to make Jesus look greater. It lets Moses stand tall.

MORE GLORY

Hebrews 3:3

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

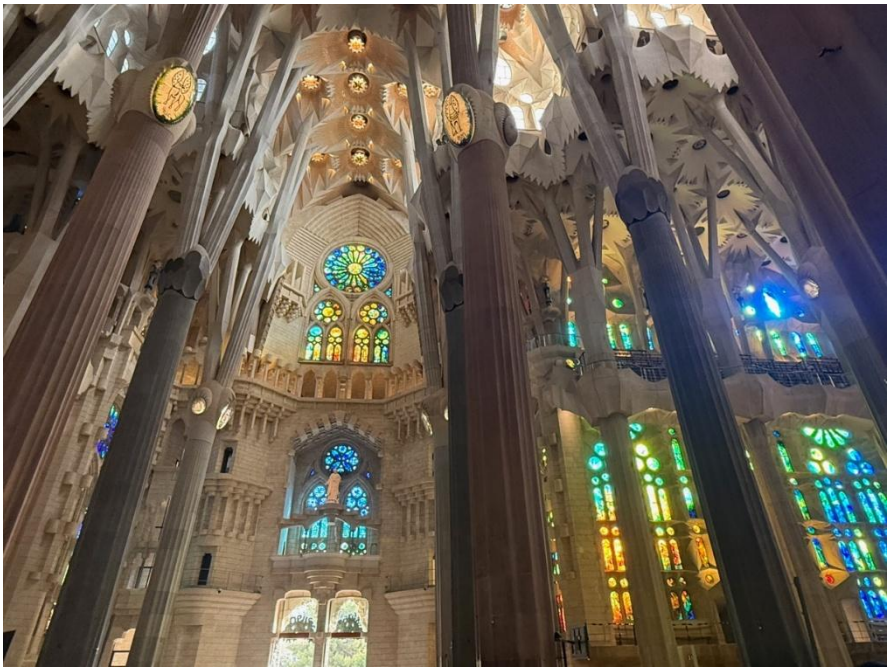
More glory than Moses. The question is not, ‘Which one did a better job?’ This isn't “faithful” versus “more faithful.” The question is, "What is each one's relationship to the house?" These are two very different relationships to the house. Moses was faithful IN God's house as a servant. But Christ is faithful OVER God's house as a Son.

SAGRADA FAMILIA

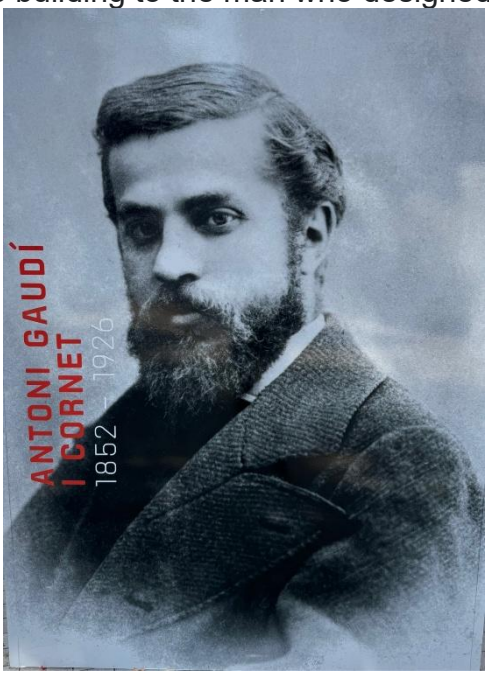
A few months ago, Amy and I celebrated our 35th anniversary with a trip to Barcelona, Spain. One of the places we visited was the Sagrada Família, designed by the architect Antoni Gaudí.



When we first approached it, I remember thinking, "Gaudí was gaudy!" But the closer we got, the more the details began to amaze us. And then we walked inside. We began learning about Gaudí, his vision, and the intentionality behind the design. And the more we understood the architect, the more we appreciated what we had just seen. We walked away talking about the architect more than the building.



The columns soared overhead like a forest of trees. Light poured through the stained glass. We had never seen anything quite like it. But something interesting happened as we learned more about what we were seeing. Our attention began to turn from the building to the man who designed it.



The building may be magnificent. But the builder has greater honor than the house.

TESTIFY TO THINGS TO COME
That's the comparison Hebrews gives us. Listen again to verses 3-5.

Hebrews 3:3-5
For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now

Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

Do you see what Hebrews is doing? Moses was a faithful servant in God's house. But Moses did not establish the house. The house belongs to God, and God is the One who builds it.

And Jesus is not being presented as another servant standing alongside Moses. He is the Son. Moses was faithful IN God's house as a servant. But Christ is faithful OVER God's house as a Son. That's why Jesus is worthy of greater glory. Not because Moses was unfaithful. But because of who Jesus is. Do you remember how the book of Hebrews began?

Hebrews 1:1–2
Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. God had spoken through prophets, including his faithful servant Moses. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son

THE SON
And that brings us back to the word that changes everything: Son. The Son who created the world. — Is the radiance of the glory of God. — Upholds the universe by the word of His power. — Made purification for sins. —Brings many sons to glory. — Is our merciful and faithful High Priest. And Hebrews now tells us that:

Hebrews 6a
"Christ is faithful over God's house as a son." Jesus is glorious!

THEREFORE LIVING
This is a good place to pause and consider Jesus. The faithful Son is over God's house. But what does that mean when life is hard? What does that mean when the circumstances around you feel like they are falling apart?

Hebrews keeps turning our attention to Jesus. The suffering may remain. The road may still be hard. But the truth about Jesus changes how we understand the road in front of us.

So let me ask you to finish this statement: Christ is the faithful; therefore _____. How would you finish that sentence in the middle of what you are facing right now? Fear will change your "therefore" to a "but", "...but I can't keep going." But faith with invite you to live inside the "therefore", "I will hold fast to Christ. I will press in and not give up. I will trust Him." Jesus is not merely another servant IN the house. He is the Son OVER the house.

AND WE ARE HIS HOUSE
Hebrews says something that brings this truth very close to us. "And we are His house..."

MOVEMENT 3 — We Hold Fast

Hebrews 3:6b
And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Just think about everything Hebrews has shown us about the One over this house. He is Creator. He is Savior. He is our High Priest. He is the Son. And now Hebrews says, ‘We are His house. Let that sink in. The people being told to hold fast are His house. And who is the One who is over us? He is faithful. He is merciful. He is victorious. And He loves us.

WE
There is something else about this verse that, once I saw it, I could not unsee it. Look at the verse again.

Hebrews 3:6b
And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Is Hebrews speaking to one person or to a people?

- We are His house.
- We hold fast.
- Our confidence.
- Our boasting.
- Our hope.

Do you hear it? Hebrews is speaking to the people of God. We are His house. And as this letter continues, we will see that God calls us to encourage one another as we persevere in faith.

We are not meant to walk this road alone. We belong to Jesus. And by His grace, we have one another. The Christian life is personal, but it is not private.
You are not alone. And seeing the "we" helps us hear what comes next.

IF INDEED
"If indeed we hold fast." That "if" matters. Hebrews is genuinely calling us to persevere. Being part of the people of God does not remove the responsibility of your heart or mine. That means we cannot claim the comfort of “we are His house” while dismissing the call to keep trusting Christ. Hebrews joins those two things together.

HOLD FAST
You are called to hold fast. I am called to hold fast. We are called to hold fast.
But notice what Hebrews tells us to hold fast. Our confidence. Our boasting in our hope. This is not simply a call to try harder. It is a call to keep trusting the One we have been considering all morning. When we are tired, we keep trusting Him. When we don't understand what God is doing, we keep trusting Him. When everything around us seems to be telling you to let go, hold fast to our confidence in Christ.

And when you hear those words, "Hold fast," where does your attention go? To the strength of your own grip? Or to keep trusting, holding onto, leaning all your weight upon the faithfulness of Jesus? Don't forget where Hebrews has placed us. We are His house UNDER the Son of God. And Jesus is not a servant in the house but is the faithful Son OVER the house.

CONFIDENCE & HOPE
Holding fast our confidence is not the same thing as placing our confidence in our ability to hold fast. Our confidence is in Jesus. And our boasting is not in our perseverance. Our boasting is in our hope. And our hope is not that tomorrow will suddenly become easier.

Our hope is in Jesus. The One who suffered and tasted death. The One who is now crowned with glory and honor. The One who is bringing many sons to glory. Hope means the present moment is not the whole story. The story God is writing has not reached its end.

We do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus. And the Jesus we see is faithful. Moses was faithful in God's house as a servant. But Christ is faithful over God's house as a Son.

And we are His house. And we will hold fast our confession. And we will hold fast our boasting in our hope. Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus.