

Hebrews: Week 1 - “You Just Don’t Understand.”

Hebrews 2:5-18

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OPEN: Have you ever looked at someone and said, “*you just don’t understand!*” One thing that I think we all share is a hatred of being misunderstood. When I feel misunderstood I know for me I often feel like I’m being looked over, and I really appreciate it when someone takes time with me to ask me questions and dig deeper. ***Even if they still don’t get it I feel seen by the effort-*** y’all tracking with me?

How many of you (1) have felt... (2)by God...

1. Misunderstood
2. Looked Over
3. Undervalued
4. Isolated

LEAD IN: It’s okay if you have felt this way before, or even if you feel this way right now. Let’s be real with each other tonight- sometimes God can feel so BIG, so MIGHTY, so LOFTY that we have a hard time approaching Him. ***I mean how can the God of the universe actually understand what I’m going through?***

Tonight I want you to leave understanding this...

BIG IDEA: He Knows, He Cares, & He’s Been There

MESSAGE: *If we are going to be able to really believe that God knows, He Cares, and He’s Been There, we need to remember 3 things that we find in Hebrews 2.*

1. God is Mindful of You [v5-8]

As we are born into sin we forget God’s original intent for us being on the earth. The author of Hebrews quotes Psalm 8:4-6, and this Psalm is about how INSANE it is that God created us with greater purpose than the angels. We were created to not simply exist, we were created to rule and reign, to have dominion over the earth alongside of God.

God is mindful of you, he created you to not simply exist, he created you to...

1. Dwell with you in relationship
2. Move through you in powerful ways
3. To worship Him in perfect love.

God is mindful of you, you are constantly on God’s mind and that doesn’t wear Him out...

READ: PSALM 40:5 & ISAIAH 55:8-9

APPLY: When God feels far away or unapproachable, **remember that you are on His mind,** and that ***He’s thinking of things for you that you would never have dreamed for yourself.*** You are not an experiment gone wrong, you are not a burden for God, you do not annoy him, **you do not exhaust Him.**

I dare you to ask God this- “what are you dreaming for me? What’s on your mind for me?”

2. God is Jealous for You [v9-15]

We can't forget our sin in all of this- how God's original intent was rebelled against by us, choosing temporary pleasure over eternal peace and purpose. **We also can't forget just how jealous God is-** how much he hates anything that separates us from him. God hates sin because...

1. He is perfect and holy and undefiled.
2. He loves having relationship with you and sin gets in the way of that.

He is Jealous for you and the lengths that he went for us to have reconciled relationship with Him are unthinkable in the best ways...

1. He made himself lowly to lift you up.
2. He fully experienced death to free you from its power.
3. He founded salvation through meeting his own demands. (v.10,14)

APPLY: When God feels too Holy and you feel too dirty, **remember that He is Jealous for You.** God didn't cut any corners when we made his way to you. Are you perfect? Nope. **But that is the whole reason he did what he did... he broke the chains of our sin so that we might wear his righteousness.**

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 & ISAIAH 61:10

3. God is Faithful to You [v16-18]

I'm on His mind, I know everything that he did to save me, but will he change his mind? God is faithful to you **forever.** We can't forget that God is forever faithful. REMEMBER God is forever faithful. He has proven himself over and over, and he will continue to prove himself to you.

How incredible it is that the God of the universe didn't just snap his fingers and make everything okay, but that he was faithful to His Word, meeting his own demands, which included living a life here on earth experiencing the same things we have.

1. Jesus was in a single parent home.
2. Jesus had siblings.
3. Jesus mourned over lost loved ones.
4. Jesus worked.
5. Jesus had friends and no doubt was funny and sarcastic and kind.
6. Jesus was tempted.
7. Jesus suffered.

Hebrews 2:18 is one of the most comforting verses in all of scripture- Jesus is able to help you in your temptation, your fear, in your mourning, in your hurt, because he experienced it just like you are now, but he NEVER FAILED in it.

APPLY: When you are tempted to think God might let you down, remember that he is Faithful to You and will be Faithful FOREVER. **He remained faithful to God and to you in his life so that you might become faithful to him with yours.**

RESPOND: Pray to remember his mindfulness, jealousy, and faithfulness.