



**ANOTHER LOOK AT OUR SERMON**



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# **DIVING DEEPER //** **DISCIPLESHIP** **EP. 2**

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# 1.

## JESUS IS GREATER

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**J**esus is superior to all things. This is the central theme that the writer of Hebrews wants the reader to understand and believe. He is the greatest Prophet, Priest, Judge, Shepherd, and King. All of scripture points to this.

# 2

## NO CATEGORY FOR HALF-HEARTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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**T**he Lord is not looking for people that want to have one foot in the door to discipleship, and another foot in the ways of the world. The church has to step up and wrestle with that. A person is either a follower of Jesus or they are not. It is so easy to get captivated by the things of this world and forget who it is that we follow and whose disciple we are.

We need to fall so in love with Jesus that we are quickly able to recognize that counterfeit things that want to rule our hearts when we see them.

**Hebrews 12:28-29**

***Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.***

You have a new identity. You belong to a new kingdom that cannot be shaken. This world may be shaken, but where our hope rests cannot be shaken. There is security in what Christ has already accomplished.

It gives us the motivation to live out what it means to be a disciples.

**Grateful** - Attitude

**Kingdom** - Position

**Offer to god Acceptable Worship** - Motivation

# 3

## WHAT A DISCIPLE LOOKS LIKE // PERSONAL HOLINESS

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**B**rotherly love and hospitality. We should display this heart of Godly love and a good display of hospitality to others in order to point people to Jesus.

***Hebrews 13:1-2***

***Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.***

You may be the last person that will point someone to Jesus that someone will ever meet. We must step up in this area. God is giving us divine appointments to share the gospel with people that have never had it presented to them.

We are part of one body. When one person suffers, we all suffer. When one is hurting, we all hurt. What does it look like to bear the burden of others? How is that different to what our culture says about others?

***Hebrews 13:4***

***Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.***

What does it look like to have a marriage that honors the Lord? How does our marriage affect what it means to be a disciple?

When our marriages are honoring and reflecting Christ, we have an opportunity to share the gospel to those around us through this relationship. It shows what it means to put another's needs before your own. It raises up a generation of children to see what this strong, spiritual foundation looks like in the home.

There are consequences when we don't hold marriage covenants in high regard.

It exposes a person's selfishness and pride. It will reveal where you struggle. It reveals the areas of our lives that need to be more like Jesus. God cares about happiness, but even more so, He cares way more deeply about our holiness and marriage is an opportunity to seek the Lord in this important way.

***Hebrews 13:5***

***Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."***

Greed and the lack of contentment are destructive to the message of who Jesus is. What consumes you? What does it mean to you to read the promise of God in this verse?

Our security doesn't rest in what investments we've made, what our bank account looks like, but it rests only in the finished work of Jesus Christ paying our debt on the cross and the redemptive work of the resurrection. How does that make you want to live?

How can we recognize when these things have become ruling things in our lives? There's nothing wrong with having money. But does the money have you? Does it control you?

As a disciple, we must not get off track. We must honor God with our finances and resources available to us.

### **Hebrews 13:7-8**

***Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.***

This idea of following Jesus is good to have people in your life that teach you and instruct you in the ways of God. We are not to live in isolation, but with others that can impart wisdom. And there are other people in your life that you can teach about the ways of God.

Jesus is never going to change. How do we know he will never change? The scriptures tell us this. If someone in your life is teaching you a different version of Jesus, stop it, turn it off, and don't listen. Pay attention to what your leaders are saying and how they are living. If it contradicts what the Scriptures say, be very careful and aware. Is it founded and built on the Word of God?

### **Hebrews 13:9**

***Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.***

We must remember that we live in grace and not in the former law when it comes to food and sacrifices. Grace through faith, plus nothing is what we should live by. Your heart must only be strengthened by the things of God.



# 4

## WHAT IS THE MISSION?

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**W**hat is it that connects the personal holiness to what we are called to do in mission relating to discipleship?

**Hebrews 13:10-11**

***We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.***

**Lev. 16**

***(The most sacred day in the Jewish year: The Day of Atonement.)***

The nation of Israel were reminded of the seriousness of sin. The entirety of the animal would be used in sacrifice during this holy day. The blood would be on the altar, but the bodies would be taken out of the city to be burned.

This would happen year after year, because there was always more sin to be covered.

Jesus was the perfect and superior sacrifice. When Christ was sacrificed, he was also taken outside of the walls of the city to be crucified.

**Hebrews 13:12**

***So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.***

**John 19:17**

***So they took Jesus out of the city bearing his own cross to the place called place of a skull, which in Aramaic, is Golgotha***

He was the sufficient sacrifice to settle our account of sin to reconcile those that have faith in him. He paid our ransom once and for all. We deserved to be cast out, but he was instead.

What is our mission with that then?

**Hebrews 13:13-14**

***Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.***

We are to also go out to Jesus because we must follow him. We have to be all in. We have to go away from man centered worship and go toward worshipping the Christ that made our redemption available because of the gift mercy from God.

**Philippians 3:7-8**

***But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ***

Are you willing to leave the comforts of the city to be with Christ himself?

**C.T. Studd**

***“Some people want to live in the sound of the chapel bells. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell”***

***Philippians 3:20***

***But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,***

***Hebrews 13:14***

***For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.***

We have a citizenship and a place in the kingdom of heaven and not in the places of this world.

What are some practical things you can do to remind yourself of this truth?

How many more hours do you spend on social media than in the Word of God?

A disciple is someone who pays attention to the one they are following.

We cannot go to him without letting go of our affection for the world.

“We can’t preach a message that says Jesus is better than any thing this world has to offer if we live like this world offers what is better than Jesus”

***Hebrews 13:15-16***

***Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.***

What is the application? Will you go to where Jesus is instead of trying to fit him into where you are?

Worship is what you say and what you do.

It is the response of your words and of your life. If you are going to do that, **this** is how you do that... Can you do that?

A disciple gets to know who Jesus is and then goes to where Jesus is leading them. That is the kind of church that Jesus died for.