### Jesus is Better

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### If Jesus really is better... How should we respond?

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He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his **nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power..." (Hebrews 1:3 ESV)

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original **confidence** firm to the end. (Hebrews 3:13-14 ESV)

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#### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

#### 1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

"Physical eyesight produces conviction or evidence of visible things; faith is the organ which enables people to see the invisible order."

(F.F. Bruce, *MCNT: Hebrews*, p. 277)

# Principle #1

Faith is simply trusting the evidence that God is reliable

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# Key Principle #2

Faith is decision to fear God or fear man

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"They are already employing the kind of trust he is asking them to live into by affirming a particular belief about the origin of the world – namely, that God created through speech. The fact that they have this kind of faith about the past acts as an encouragement that they can have this kind of faith about both their present and their future."

(Peeler, *Hebrews*, p. 312)

# Principle #3

Faith is strengthened today by looking back at how God has been faithful in the past.



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