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Bringing Many Sons and Daughters to Glory

Hebrews 2:10-18



Background:

The eternal Son, radiance of God's glory, left the realms of glory to become human. After his death and resurrection, he returned to God's glory, where he is crowned with glory and honor. But God's desire is to bring many sons and daughters to glory, following the path pioneered by the Son. Many family histories have skeletons in the closet, people who have brought shame rather than honor. Most of us have our own shame. But Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters, or to have us, his younger siblings, tag along behind him. But we do need to keep him in sight.

Sermon Text (NIV):

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10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. 11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. 12 He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

13 And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - By positive and/or negative example, how has your family of origin taught you about what it could/should look like to be part of God’s family?
 - With your group, reflect on this incredible statement from verse 11: **So Jesus is not ashamed to call [you] brothers and sisters.** Where do you have/feel shame today? How can the truth of this verse change you?
 - Jesus sets us free from many enslavements, including the power of sin and death. What are some personal examples of the freedom that you have achieved through Christ’s suffering?
 - What encouragement do you receive from verse 18? **Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.** In what situation do you need his help now?