

## PRAYER

- Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us the good news and make a way for us to be with Him forever.
- Pray that God would remove every fear that prevents or hinders you from trusting in His love and finished work.
- Pray that God would use your actions and words to help others experience His love. Pray that you would be a living testimony of God's love as you serve Him.

## NOTES

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# JESUS >

## Better Moses

WEEK 3

## WARM-UP

- What is the most valuable hand-me-down (e.g., jewelry, clothes, furniture) you have received? Why is this important to you?
- What is one thing you are enjoying now that you had to wait a long time for?
- When waiting for something, would you rather wait a short while but receive something different or wait longer to get exactly what you wanted? Why?

**WORD**

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

(Read also **HEBREWS 3:4-11**.)

For the Jews, Moses was a great prophet, one of the primary figures of the Old Covenant. He was chosen by God as their lawgiver and the one who led the Israelites out of Egypt. The Law of Moses formed the foundation of their law, tradition, and practice, and it would make sense for Jews to be more confident in Moses than in Jesus. Let us look at why the author of Hebrews emphasized that Jesus is even better than Moses.

## 1 | Moses was a faithful servant in God's house.

*<sup>1</sup> . . . consider Jesus . . . <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. . . . <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later . . .* **HEBREWS 3:1-2, 5**

While Moses was indeed a leader, spokesperson, and lawgiver to the Jews, he was still only a servant in God's house. He was part of the household and worked within the framework of God's plan. He served God and testified to His promises. We too can be used mightily by God as His servants. What are some ways you are being used in God's house?

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## 2 | Jesus is the builder and Son in God's house.

*<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)* **HEBREWS 3:3-4**

In contrast, Jesus, as the exact imprint of God (Hebrews 1:3), is the builder and Son in God's house. This is a completely different authority. Jesus is greater than Moses in every way. Moses is human; Jesus is divine. More than that, only Jesus could bring about complete salvation and establish God's eternal kingdom. As followers of Jesus, how have you experienced His salvation and kingdom here on earth?

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## 3 | We are God's house.

*. . . 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.* **HEBREWS 3:6**

Those who put their faith in Jesus for salvation are the house of God. We are the dwelling place of God's Spirit; we are the family of God. As God's house, we must also be faithful servants in His house, just as Moses was faithful. And we must realize that Jesus is the Son and builder of the house. After Jesus' resurrection, we moved beyond the old covenant and law of Moses to a covenant of grace, having been made righteous through faith in Jesus. How does 1 Peter 2:5 reveal our purpose as God's house?

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### APPLICATION

- Being part of God's house means we live with confidence and hope. What's one way you can intentionally live out your hope in Jesus this week—at home, school, or work?
- Is there an area in your life where you're tempted to focus more on the "house" (your role, service, or ministry) than on Jesus, the builder? Ask God to realign your heart and focus on Him.
- God is building His house through His people. What's one practical way you can serve or encourage someone in your church community this week?