

God is Able: A Walk through the book of Hebrews
Building our Confidence in Jesus Hebrews 3:1-6
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Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Big Idea: As we focus on Jesus, He builds our confidence and faithfulness so that we can bring Him the most glory.

Glory Takers versus Glory Makers

How do we build our confidence in Jesus?

- I. Make Jesus the _____ of our lives.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Hebrews 3:1 So, my dear Christian friends, companions in following this call to the heights, take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe. (The Message)

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

A. Allow Jesus to _____ into our lives.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle

Apostle – Jesus pleads God’s cause with us.

B. _____ Jesus because He pleads our cause with God.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess

High Priest – Jesus pleads our cause with God.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Our Response: As we focus on Jesus and receive His Word and let Him speak into our lives, it brings new confidence to our souls.

As we recognize that Jesus is representing us to the Father as our High priest, we receive a greater confidence in Jesus.

Confidence in Jesus produces faithfulness.

II. Moses brought God glory by being _____.

Hebrews 3:2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future

1 Samuel 12:6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your forefathers up out of Egypt."

Numbers 12:7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

Our Response: God's plan is for you to bring Him glory. (See Revelation 4:11, I Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17, I Peter 4:11). The more glory you bring to God, the greater your confidence in Jesus will be. Are you bringing God glory?

III. Jesus brought God glory by being faithful in a _____ work.

Hebrews 3:3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Our Response: Is your focus on bringing God glory? God help us to bring Him glory in all that we do. Make me a *glory maker*.

IV. Confidence in Jesus produces _____ to remain faithful.

Hebrews 3:6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Matthew 25:21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

1 Corinthians 4:2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Our Response: Is your confidence in Jesus growing or waning? Renew your focus on Jesus. Let His confidence and courage produce faithfulness and glory in all that you do. Lord, help us to bring you great glory in Southeastern Massachusetts. Make us *glory makers!* (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).