JESUS - CHAMPION, TRAILBLAZER, BROTHER, HELPER

Living under constant threat is like living under siege. It paralyzes people and destroys hope and perspective.

THE PROBLEM: Living below God's potential for us

THE SOLUTION: A shift in focus

We don't see our success right now but we do see Jesus.

Our frustration is alleviated by Jesus' victories.

Jesus our Champion

People award, but God rewards.

Jesus our Trailblazer

Jesus is blazed the trail and gave us the ideal path of faith. His life is the perfect path for us to walk.

Jesus our Brother

Jesus is <u>much less ashamed of us</u> than we are of ourselves.

We are all <u>in the family</u>.

Jesus our Helper

The Helper must be <u>faithful to God's conditions</u> while being <u>sensitive to our condition</u>.

The Helper must *identify with us* if we are to *identify* with him; he, too, suffered when he was tempted.

What is your takeaway from today's study in 15 words or less? Why not share it with someone before leaving today?

Getting to know you

If you had a warning label, what would it say?

This week Jim spoke of four qualities or titles of Jesus that flowed naturally out of Hebrews 2. Which one of them speaks most to you? Why?

Digging Deeper

In John 17, just before his arrest, Jesus prays for his disciples, and for us.

1. Read verse 7-8. We accept all of scripture but what are the words or spiritual concepts that pop into your mind when you read those verses? (You don't need a specific reference).

Which of the four titles do they fit into (champion, trailblazer, brother, helper)?

2. Read verses 14-16. What in this world do you wish would just go away?

Look back over your notes from Sunday's study. What concepts that Jim spoke of might God use to protect you from the evil one?

3. Read verses 20-21. What is the goal that Jesus has for us that come after those first followers? What is the source of that goal?

Reread Hebrews 2:11, then 14-15. You may be the broken one, or the one who restores. Is there someone who comes to mind that you're ashamed to call "brother of sister"? One who is enslaved by their failures?

Jot down a couple of action items that you should do to be to them what Christ was to you in Hebrews 2:5-18.

Prayer Requests: