

Jesus is - Part 4
"My BIG Brother" (Authority)
November 29th, 2020

Intro:

- Welcome!!!

- Online, East, Fort Myers!
- Honor Pastors Matt & Sarah
- Introduce myself and my family. [Family PIC \(Slide 1\)](#)

- We are continuing our "Jesus is" series today!

- Week 1 Pastor Luis shared "Jesus is OUR FOUNDATION!"
- Week 2 Pastor Josh shared "Jesus is THE MESSIAH." (DTR)
- Last week Pastor Charles shared "Jesus is THE LOUDEST VOICE"
- Today, I'm going to share "Jesus is MY BIG BROTHER!" ([Slide 2](#))

[Romans 8:29-30 NLT \(Slide 3\)](#)

"For God chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the FIRSTBORN among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him. And having called them, He gave them RIGHT STANDING with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory."

PRAY

We say this a lot around here... "leaders go first!"

There's power in the first!

- The first sets the tone
- Paves the way
- Your life can be better or worse based off of who went before you

How many of you have an older brother or sister?

How many of you were judged by family members, teachers or coaches, based off your older sibling's example but hadn't experienced your life yet?

- Funny story here about my older brother

I imitated my oldest brother...but it wasn't good. (Getting sick: Copenhagen)

If you're like me, it might not have been an awesome example.

Thank God, Jesus went FIRST for us as an amazing BIG Brother. His life example opened the door for you and I to live like He lived.

1 John 4:17 NKJV (Slide 4)

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

WOW!!! Think about that! God did a LEGAL WORK (Adoption) so that we could become His sons and daughters...so that we could be JUST LIKE JESUS!

- Jesus lived without sin. (Justified...just as if I'd never sinned)
- Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead.
- Jesus spoke to the storms of life!
- Jesus never lacked.
- Jesus had and used His authority over the enemy.

Jesus gave us authority so we can live just like Him!

For the rest of our time today, we're going to look at 2 things we need to do to imitate our BIG Brother Jesus and operate in His authority.

(Hebrews 6:12 NKJV) (Slide 5)

"...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

2 Ways to Imitate Jesus:

1. FAITH!!! (Slide 6)

Faith is a Substantial... "faith is the substance of things hoped for." Heb. 11:1

Faith hears... "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17

Faith speaks...

Mark 11:22b-23 NKJV (Slide 7)

"Have faith in God. I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

?Does your faith feel “Substantial”? (Some people have used idols)

?How’s your hearing of God’s Word?

?When’s the last time you told a storm of life what God’s Word says?

Okay, so let’s say we’ve all been growing and using our faith...just like Jesus did. What do we do when we’ve done everything FAITH requires, but we don’t get the results Jesus got?

(Hebrews 6:12 NKJV) (Slide 8)

“...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

2. PATIENCE!!! (Slide 9)

Patience = being consistently constant. Simply put; DON’T STOP! Stay in faith!

(KEYS POINT)

Hebrews 10:35-36 NLT. (Slide 10)

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.

(Wonder Twins mention here for fun???)

Faith opens the door to God’s promise for you; and patience keeps it open until that promise is received.

Challenge:

? Have you been adopted into God’s family? Is Jesus your Big Brother???

- SALVATION

? Do you use the authority your BIG Brother Jesus gave you or do you just let the world and our enemy bully you?

- Repent

- Forgive me for not believing your word enough to act on it.

- Jesus, forgive me for letting your sacrifice be for nothing in my life.

PRAY