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"Greatest Leader"

Jesus is Our Greatest Leader

Colossians 1:16 (ESV) "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."

- So when He leads me through the mountains and valleys of our lives, how could we do anything but trust the mountain Maker that knows the way?

Main Idea: Jesus is the Greatest Leader

- Don't Turn Back to Egypt
- Enter His Promised Rest

Part I: Jesus is the Greatest Leader (Hebrews 3:1-6)

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NLT) "And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest. For he was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house. But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself. For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God. Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was an illustration of the truths God would reveal later. But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ."

- Moses is one of the most faithful men to the Lord ever recorded in human history, and his legacy continues to inspire us today. And yet, Jesus is so much greater.

Comparisons between Moses and Jesus (Hebrews 3:3-6)

- Moses was a faithful servant in God's house, but Jesus is God, and He's in charge.
- Moses built the tabernacle to worship God. But Jesus built the whole universe and sustains it.
- Moses' work was an "illustration of the truth (NLT)," but Jesus is THE truth. The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Moses is the one who led God's people to freedom from *physical slavery*. Jesus is the one who leads us into freedom from our sin, our *spiritual slavery*.

Part II: Don't Turn Back to Egypt (Hebrews 3:7-19)

Hebrews 3:7-14 (NLT) "That is why the Holy Spirit says, 'Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. So I was angry with them, and I said, 'Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.' So in my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest.' Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ."

- The author of Hebrews offers us a very strong warning: Don't turn back on the Lord's leadership. Don't have a hardened heart.

Moses was a faithful servant and leader in God's house. But many of the people he led were not.

- In Numbers 13-14, when the Promised Land was within reach, Moses sent spies out to Kadesh Barnea, bordering the Promised Land. Ten of the twelve spies saw the opposition and said:
- Numbers 14:3-4 (ESV) "'Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?' And they said to one another, 'Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.'"
- Instead of trusting the Lord's leadership, they desired slavery.
- And the Lord rewarded their hardened hearts with a consequence; their generation will not enter the Promised Land.

Let that be a warning to us today.

- Moses was a great leader, but people didn't follow his leadership, and they missed out on rest and the Promised Land.
- How much greater are the stakes if we don't follow Jesus, the greatest leader, and His leadership?

Part III: Enter His Promised Rest (Hebrews 4:1-13)

Hebrews 4:3-4 (ESV) "For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, 'As I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter my rest,' although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.'"

- God desires for you to enter the rest that He freely gives through the gospel, and displayed Himself through the Sabbath.

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- Entering Jesus' rest doesn't mean that you don't have to walk the journey with Him. It means that you don't have to strive to earn His favor, and that He's in control.

Application:

- Humbly submit to His leadership - God is in charge.
- Lead according to His playbook - Be in God's Word/Prayer and live in alignment with His ways.
- Follow Jesus with others - Surround yourself with godly brothers and sisters in Christ.

Small Group Questions:

Icebreaker: If you were in charge of your own kingdom, what is your first royal decree?

1. Who is a leader in your life that left a positive impact on you? How did they lead?
2. Read Hebrews 3:1-6. What are some of the comparisons between Moses and Jesus?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-14. What does having a hardened heart look like, and what are some of the consequences?
4. Out of hardness of heart, many Israelites at one point desired to go back to Egypt and embrace being slaves again (Numbers 14). What is your "Egypt?" What has God rescued you from in your life?
5. What does "entering Jesus' rest" (Hebrews 4:3-4) look like? How could it impact your life?
6. How can you apply Hebrews 3-4 to your life today? What's your next step?

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