

Faithful Family

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God shows us a better way to
be **brothers** and **sisters**.



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- Joseph's brothers **sold** him into slavery.

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“[This passage] encourages us to see Jesus not as the kind of older brother whom we resent because he’s always getting things right and being successful while we’re always getting things wrong and failing, but as the kind of **older brother** who, without a trace of patronizing or looking down his nose at us, comes to find us where we are, **out of sheer love and goodness of heart, and to help us out of the mess.**”

- N.T. Wright, *Hebrews for Everyone*

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Hebrews 2:10

English Standard Version

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in **bringing many sons to glory**, should make the founder of their salvation **perfect through suffering**.



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Hebrews 2:11-12

English Standard Version

¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is **not ashamed to call them brothers**, ¹² saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”



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Hebrews 2:13-15

English Standard Version

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since therefore the children **share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things**, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

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Hebrews 2:16-18

English Standard Version

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore **he had to be made like his brothers in every respect**, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Jesus is the brother who
sympathizes with, **suffers** for, and
serves his siblings.



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2. Be **loyal to him** like he has been to you.

A silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children, standing on a grassy hill and looking out over a landscape. The man is pointing towards the horizon. The background is a dark, cloudy sky.

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How Should We Respond to Jesus Being Our Big Brother?

1. **Trust** in him.
2. Be **loyal to him** like he has been to you.
3. **Show his loyal love** towards your natural and spiritual siblings.

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