Jesus is a BETTER LIFE (Part 2)
Text: Hebrews 13:15-25

SINCE Jesus IS BETTER – let's WORSHIP with our lives! Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:15

Let's SHARE: Hebrews 13:16. See also: Micah 6:7-8

1) **OUR…**
   a) **FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HOMES & POSSESSIONS**: Romans 12:13. See also: Acts 2:44-46; Hebrews 13:2
   b) **STRUGGLES and DIFFICULTIES**: Galatians 6:2. See: Rom. 12:15
   c) **LIVES**: 1 Thessalonians 2:8b
   d) **HEARTS**: 2 Corinthians 6:11–13
   e) **COMMUNITY**: Romans 15:7. See also: Hebrews 13:23-24
2) **WITH**…
   a) **The NEEDY**: Ephesians 4:28. See also: Acts 4:34-35
   b) **EVERYONE and ESPECIALLY the CHURCH**: Galatians 6:9–10. See: Eph. 6:8; 1 Thess. 5:15; 2 Thess. 3:13; 1 Tim. 6:18; 1 Peter 4:19
   c) **Including PASTORS and TEACHERS of the CONGREGATION**: Galatians 6:6. See also: 1 Corinthians 9:14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18
3) **JOYFULLY**: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let's FOLLOW:

1) **God GIVEN AUTHORITY**: Heb. 13:17a. See: 1 Cor. 16:16; 1 Peter 5:5
   a) **We're ALL under GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY**: Romans 13:1. See also: Colossians 1:16, 3:20, 22-24; Ephesians 5:22, 6:1-2
      i) **Self-WILLED (non-submissive) behavior is FOOLISH, EVIL and self-DESTRUCTIVE**: Proverbs 14:12. See also: Genesis 6:5; Deuteronomy 12:8, Judges 17:6; Proverbs 12:15, 21:2
      ii) **We're ALL to YIELD to one another in the CHURCH**: Ephesians 5:18c, 21
   b) **RESPECT your PASTORS and LEADERS:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 See also: 1 Timothy 5:17
   c) **IMITATE them:** Hebrews 13:7
   d) **LISTEN to them:** Hebrews 13:22
2) **WHY?** Hebrews 13:17b
   a) **They WATCH, PROTECT and CARE for you**: Acts 20:28
   b) **PASTORS are God's GIFT to EQUIP you and the CHURCH:** Ephesians 4:11–12
3) **But, what if THEY'RE wrong, weak or sinful?** Hebrews 13:17c. See also: Ezekiel 3:17-21
   a) **SPIRITUAL LEADERS have greater ACCOUNTABILITY before God**: James 3:1. See also: Matthew 5:19
   b) **And before THE CHURCH**: 1 Timothy 5:19–20
   c) **And must HOLD to a HIGHER STANDARD**: Hebrews 13:18b. See also: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9
4) **For THEIR JOY and YOUR BLESSING**: Hebrews 13:17d

Let's PRAY: Hebrews 13:18a

1) **For ONE ANOTHER**: James 5:16
2) **CONSTANTLY**: 1 Thessalonians 5:17. See also: Luke 18:1
3) **EXPECTANTLY (in FAITH):** Heb. 13:19; Matt. 7:11. See: Luke 11:13

Let's TRUST:

1) **The TRIUNE, peace and life-giving, guiding God of the universe is AT WORK in YOUR LIFE:** Hebrews 13:20a, 21b
2) **He WANTS a right RELATIONSHIP with you through JESUS**: Hebrews 13:20b
3) **He DELIGHTS in GIVING you ALL you need to do HIS WILL**: Hebrews 13:21a; Romans 8:32; 2 Peter 1:3
4) **So WE can be PLEASING to Him**: Hebrews 13:21bc; Philippians 2:12–13
5) **And GLORIFY (reveal and magnify) JESUS**: Hebrews 13:21
6) **By HIS GRACE**: Hebrews 13:25

Gospel In Life Questions

1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?