

SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

“Did Jesus Know He Was God As A Boy?”

Introduction

Last week we asked the question “does God play favorites?” We looked at the difference between being a favorite and having God’s favor in our lives. Humility opens the door to seeing how God favors us. This week we are asking a different question, “did Jesus know He was God when He was a boy?” To some of us, it may not be something we have thought about before. If you have thought about this before, or if you haven’t, by answering this question we can learn about Jesus, His purpose, and our purpose.

- What did you struggle with while going through puberty? Do you have a funny story you would be willing to share?

Seek the Word

- The life of David includes a fascinating tale about submitting to God’s earthly authorities. Read 1 Samuel 24. What does this passage tell us about showing appropriate honor to leaders?
- Read Romans 13:3-7; Ephesians 6:2-3; 1 Timothy 5:17. How does our honor of others increase our spiritual capacity?
- Read Luke 2:41-52. How do you see faithfulness on display in this passage?

Go Deeper

Using a Bible dictionary or concordance, make a list of different stories or Scripture passages in the Old and New Testaments centering around submission and authority. This list will be helpful if you need a reference point when dealing with situations regarding authority in your own life.

Talk About It

- How clear are you about God’s purpose for your life?
- What advice would you give your younger self about the person you wanted to become?
- From your childhood (or parenting), why is submission to authority so important for spiritual growth and mental health?
- Share one area where your actions are below what your level of maturity should be at your age.

Wrap Up

Reminder: We were created to carry out our heavenly purpose.

Challenge: “Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Ask a friend to help you identify one act or discipline you have been putting off that would honor God and increase your favor with others.