

Message Notes

JESUS part 4: Homecoming

Luke 4:14-30

- laundry pods getting attention
- confidence level linked to approval

#1 Most of what you do is to **impress** a certain **who**.

- hometown preacher - **vs. 14-21**

#2 Confidence begins when the **need** for **approval** ends.

- unattended firehose
- opposite of approval - **vs. 22-29**

#3 Jesus had all the **approval** he **needed**.

- so why not die? - **vs. 30**

#4 Jesus lived to **earn** God's **approval** for you.

Group Questions

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1. Share a time when you did something only because you were trying to win the approval of someone else. Did it work?
2. Would you agree that "most of what you do is to impress a certain who"? What's an area of your life where you feel like you're just performing in order to win someone's approval?
3. **Read Luke 4:14-21.** Using this section together with other accounts you may be familiar with, how did Jesus demonstrate that he was more concerned about his Father's approval than human approval?
4. Just last week we saw how Jesus delivered the fullness of truth packaged together with the fullness of grace as he interacted with a Samaritan woman. Do you think he was too harsh on his hometown people? Why did he interact with them the way he did?
5. What would your confidence level and the resulting behavior look like if you were able to disconnect yourself from the need from *anyone's* approval or favor?
6. Before Christmas ever happened, Jesus had all the favor that he needed. Why didn't he die sooner or in a different way?
7. **Read Galatians 1:10.** At times, Paul and the other Apostles had to share messages what would not be popular with the people they were trying to help. Give some examples of how being a servant of Christ in today's world might lead to losing the approval of certain people.