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A LETTER FROM MAGGIE

Dear Sister,

Every time I go to my family's cabin, I feel like I spend all my time eating—but no matter how much I eat, I'm still hungry. Maybe it's the hours in the hot sun out on the lake, maybe it's the tendency we all have to hang out in the kitchen, or maybe it's because I grew up eating all the treats I could possibly want every time we went to the cabin. Whatever it is, I associate our cabin with both constant eating and constant hunger.

I think you get what I mean, and you'll probably relate when I admit that too often, I feel this same sense of unending hunger in my soul. Whenever I'm experiencing discontent in the midst of the incredible bounty that God has blessed me with, it's a sign that I'm looking for satisfaction in the things of this world.

I've even crafted a creative lie to cover up my tendency to indulge at the cabin. Whenever I become self-conscious about my treat consumption, I declare, "Calories don't count at the cabin!" to anyone who will listen, then continue to gorge myself on treats that always leave me hungry. Of course, scotcheroos and ice cream and popcorn aren't all bad. It's just that they aren't made to satisfy. The good gifts this world has to offer are ultimately like treats—they don't provide my soul with the nutrition that really satisfies.

Identifying the problem is a good place to start, but nothing will change until we begin searching for our satisfaction in the nutrient-rich truth of the gospel. Jesus offers us this promise: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matt. 5:6).

I hope this study will point you to what will fill your hungry soul. So let's open up Hebrews and learn more about our perfect Savior. Jesus came to earth, fully God and fully man, to be God's Word on earth and a servant King. Jesus experienced weakness that he might be our perfect High Priest and sufficient Sacrifice for our sins. This study covers the entire book of Hebrews through the lens of Jesus as our Prophet, Priest, and King. As you dig into Hebrews, you will consider anew how these foundational roles make him the perfect fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies and promises (Matt. 5:17; 2 Cor 1:20).

This study will be a banquet of theological truth about our Savior. I invite you to pull up a chair and be filled by it. In a world full of distraction, this study aims to help your soul find the fulfillment of all your desires in the person of Christ.

Here's what you can expect:

- ✿ Five weeks of in-depth Bible study covering the entire book of Hebrews; each week includes five days of study and a Weekend Reflection
- ✿ Weekly memory verses found on each week's title page (you'll also pray this verse during your Weekend Reflection)
- ✿ Bible-centered study that gives you an opportunity to discover the meaning of the text before making application to your current circumstances
- ✿ Gospel-rich content to draw your soul into the presence of God

I'm so glad you're committed to filling your soul with the sweetness of God's Word. I pray you'll taste and see the richness of a Savior who fulfills and that you'll draw near to his throne of grace with confidence (Heb. 4:16).

FILLED BY MY PERFECT SAVIOR,

Maggie Combs

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Week One

Fulfilled by Following Our Servant King

MEMORY VERSE | HEBREWS 1:3A

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Read Hebrews 1:1–2

I don't like to leave things undone until the last minute. In fact, Gretchen would call me a *pre-crastinator*. If it's not done early, then it's late. So it won't surprise you that I like to have all my Christmas shopping finished by Black Friday.

To accomplish this, I prepare a thorough gift checklist in September. I type out the names of all my close family members and friends in a note on my phone and start brainstorming. October is my month for scouring the internet for fresh ideas. By the time November rolls around, I'm deep in buying mode, searching for the best deals. If I'm not finished by cyber deals week, well, I consider that a failure. Sure, there might be a straggler (I dare you to find anyone harder to buy for than my dad), but the main goal is to be 100% done by then for the purpose of appreciating everything else December has to offer.


I love giving good gifts, so the waiting period between completing my gift checklist and sharing those gifts with my friends and family is filled with eager anticipation. I wrap presents early, place them under the tree a week or two before Christmas Day, and encourage my sons to admire and shake and even guess what could be inside. The anticipation builds until the glorious morning of unwrapping and enjoying.

Can you imagine the care that God, our heavenly Father who gives good gifts, took in preparing to give the most perfect gift of all (Matt. 7:11)? He made a checklist of the perfect Messiah and even shared it with his people in countless prophecies and pictures presented in the Old Testament. God always knew the perfect fulfillment of his checklist would come in the form of his only Son.

Look again at Hebrews 1:1. What time period is addressed in this verse? How did God speak to his people during that time?

The Israelites knew the gift was coming. They should have been anticipating it, but when Jesus finally came, most of God's people weren't thrilled. Many people acted like God had missed the mark, and many failed to recognize the gift of Jesus at all. They were spiritually blind to how God was fulfilling the checklist begun way back in Genesis 3 (Mark 4:12).

After the fall, God curses creation in Genesis 3:14–19. Read the serpent's curse in Genesis 3:14–15. Who is the offspring of the woman referred to in verse 15? What will he do to the serpent?



This is the first glimpse of God's good plan of redemption. The serpent (Satan) may have thought himself the winner of that battle, but he would lose the war. God was preparing a checklist for a Messiah that would be outlined throughout every story of the Old Testament. The unfolding narrative of Scripture was never just a story about the Israelites or even merely a story about humanity. It has always been a story about God and his glorious path for rebuilding our brokenness through a perfect Savior.

If we want to truly celebrate the gift of our Savior, we must recognize his value. He is no spur-of-the-moment gift or impulse purchase. He is the fulfillment of every prophecy and promise of God.

Jesus' life on earth and subsequent resurrection ushered in the final stage of the story that began with God's glorious creation. The plunge into the darkness of the fall hinged on redemption through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and we now anticipate with hope the final consummation when all God's children will again live in unbroken relationship with him in the new heaven and new earth.

Jesus has already come. He has purchased our salvation with his blood. He has won the war. He fulfilled the prophecies and ushered in a new covenant, yet we are longing for the final consummation, for him to come again.

Look again at Hebrews 1:2. What time period is addressed in this verse? What time period are we in now? Who is God using to speak during this time?

Since Jesus came to earth, the world has been in its last days. Don't you see it? We are besieged by brokenness. Creation is groaning. Sin is celebrated. Oh, how we need a Savior! And we have One, speaking the truth of God into our hearts and minds, creating a new spirit within us that desires to turn from the evil of our world to the perfectly fulfilling presence of God.

If we want to hear from Jesus, we must open God's Word. Hebrews is a dense, meaty book that considers how Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of all God's plans, pictures, and promises. We won't have the time and space in this study to dig into everything that Hebrews has to offer, but we won't skim the surface either. Come prepared each day with a shovel. Our goal is to mine the text for the glories of Christ so that we can't help but make him our treasure.

A relationship with Jesus is not the kind of gift that's only exciting for a moment but will be broken and forgotten by the next day.

Jesus is the only gift that will fulfill the longings of our souls for a lifetime and for all eternity.



Do the actions of your life show that you treasure Jesus as the greatest gift?

Explain your answer and confess the ways you fall short to your Savior.

