

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. What got your attention, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

DIGGING DEEPER:

2. What are you proud of in your religious heritage? Has it helped you or has it been a handicap? Why?
3. Describe various things that we can tend to rely on as being the source of our right standing before God?
4. What does "being born in a garage does not make you car" mean in regard to where one stands spiritually before God?
5. What grade would you give yourself in the test of your love for Jesus and the test of your obedience to His Word? Why?
6. How do you believe others might grade you (perhaps spouse, kids, co-workers)?
7. As you make a decision to love Jesus and obey His Word, what struggles or limitations make that decision difficult?

APPLICATION:

8. What practical steps or changes can you make in your life to grow in your love for Jesus and obedience to His Word?

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6/14 in the series Conversations with Jesus
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Today's conversation with Jesus involves Jesus and the religious leaders of his day. He clearly recognized and challenged the leaders reliance upon their heritage for their spiritual health. We too can find false comfort in our ancestry. Let's appreciate any spiritual heritage that we all may have, but then let's use Jesus' words to determine where we stand spiritually instead.

1. **Jesus aggressively launches the conversation** - (*John 8:12, 23, 34, 37-38*). *Jesus touched a sensitive nerve, and the Jews responded just as he expected* (R. Kent Hughes).
2. **Carefully claim your family resemblance** - (*John 8:39-40*). Remember, being born in a garage does not make you a car.
3. **The real test** - (*John 8:41-47*) *Jesus Christ said 'by their fruits ye shall know them,' not by their disclaimers* (William S. Burroughs).

- Application -

Does my love for Jesus and obedience to His Word speak more of spiritual health?

NEXT WEEK 7/14 • REDISCOVERING WORSHIP • (*John 12:1-8*)
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