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- The only faith that saves is a faith that **endures**.
 - Genuine saving faith perseveres by **feeding** on the word of God.
 - We **come** to faith through the word of Christ.
 - We **remain** in the faith through the word of Christ.
 - Genuine saving faith perseveres by **focusing** on the Son of God.
- Jesus keeps teaching about his divine nature in the midst of rampant unbelief. There are 2 issues:
 - Jesus is challenging human **pride**.
 - Jesus is confronting the love of human **praise**.

The Unbelief of the Brothers Was Rooted in the Pride of Miracle-Working (7:1-9)

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- Jesus goes public with **teaching**, not miracles.
- The world rejects **Jesus**, not his brothers.
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The Unbelief of the Jews Was Rooted in the Pride of Law-Keeping (7:10-24)

- The response of the crowd reveals their unbelief.
 - Superficial **acceptance**. "*He is a good man.*"
 - Cynical **rejection**. "*He is leading the people astray.*"
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 - For the brothers, Jesus' miracles can get them human praise.
 - For the crowd, Jesus' miracles **threaten** human praise.
- Jesus' miracles on the Sabbath revealed their pride in the law and love for human praise.
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