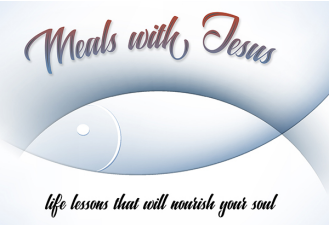

Lessons from 12 year old Jesus and His mom.

"Meals with Jesus" Part #4
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Luke 2:42-52 41 Every year Jesus' parents
went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the
Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old,
they went up to the festival, according to
the custom. 43 After the festival was over,
while his parents were returning home, the
boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but
they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was
in their company, they traveled on for a
day. Then they began looking for him
among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him,
they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days
they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who
heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.
48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother
said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father
and I have been anxiously searching for you."49 "Why were you
searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my
Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was
saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and
was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in
her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor
with God and man.

1. Don't be surprised when you find yourself confused by Jesus.

Everyone who heard him was ***amazed*** at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were ***astonished***. -Luke 2:47-48

If you find yourself confused about what God is doing, you're in good company. The people at the temple who didn't know Him were amazed and people who did know Him (His parents) were astonished. You can live at peace by focusing on what you do know about God and trusting that He is working out everything else for His good purposes.

2. Jesus demonstrates that being committed to His Father didn't mean He ignored others.

"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them." -Luke 2:47-48

Even though his parents didn't understand what Jesus was saying or doing, He loved them and remained committed to them.

3. Follow Mary's example.

But his mother ***treasured*** all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51

Even though Mary didn't understand what Jesus was up to she didn't become demanding or disillusioned, but demonstrated patience and a willingness to play her part in the unfolding drama of having the savior of the world at the center of her life.

"Jesus transcends normal categories of evaluation. Luke sets before the reader the basic question: ***What do you think of Jesus' authority? Will you respond or reject his claims? Our relationship to God is determined by this response.*** The world tells us to treat Jesus as one great religious figure among many in history. Luke does not give us that option. Jesus has exclusive rights to reveal the way of God, and one either accepts or rejects that revelation. If Jesus says he is the way (John 14:6) then either he is or he is not, there are no other options." *-The NIV Application Commentary by Darrell Bock page 102*

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