

# DAY 5 THE GREAT MEDIATOR

**For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.**

**1 TIMOTHY 2:5–6, CSB**

A mediator intervenes between two parties. When you buy a house, your realtor serves as a mediator of sorts, communicating between the buyer and the seller. When two siblings are in a heated argument, parents serve as a mediator between the opposing parties.

Jesus is our mediator because He restored the harmony between God and humanity, which was broken by sin. Sometimes, we find substitute mediators which attempt to bridge the gap that existed between us and God. We may rely on our own good works, our authority or another person's intimate relationship with God. But we soon see these mediators fail to deliver. The good news we share with ourselves and our *one* is that Jesus' atonement on the cross was sufficient to bring us into a relationship with God. Because of Christ our mediator, we can now run to God as a Father instead of cowering before Him as judge.

Identify the "substitute mediators" you're tempted to turn to and the ones your *one* turns to. How should you tailor your gospel presentation to address their substitute mediators?