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When he was a kindergartner, I took Mark to school for routine hearing and eye tests. One the way he said, "I hope it doesn't hurt, Dad." I reminded him that Chris, our neighbor, had taken the same tests a year earlier. It helps to know that someone has gone before to pave the way for us.

Jesus is the pioneer of our salvation (2:10). A courageous pioneer makes a way for others. A pioneer often suffers through rugged terrain, and Jesus suffered on his journey. Jesus was made "perfect" through sufferings. By grace, Jesus' followers move through their sufferings into a future where resurrection has the last word.

A 14-year-old tries to impress his peers. Then a younger family member shows up to tag along. The older sibling is embarrassed and wants nothing to do with the younger, unsophisticated sibling. The younger sibling wants nothing more than to be acknowledged. Jesus, our brother (2:12-13), is not "ashamed" to call us his brothers and sisters. In an act of grace, dignity, fellowship, and love, Jesus acknowledges us to the Father. He helps us in our temptations, because he has paved the way.