

Better Priesthood

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Is there anyone in your life that you have 24/7 access to that can sympathize with your weakness?

Hebrews 4:14 tells us to “hold fast to our confession of faith.” That means to keep your confidence in Christ.

1. Has anything ever shaken your confidence in Christ?
2. What are some things you could share with someone who has lost confidence in Christ to help bring them back to trusting Jesus?

Hebrews 4:16 tells us that we can “confidently draw near to the throne of grace.” This means that we have complete access to our Great High Priest, Jesus.

1. Do you struggle with the confidence to personally draw near to God? Why is that?
2. Sometimes it is difficult to accept the mercy of Christ and live in God's grace. Read John 1:14-17, Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-10, and James 5:11. How do these passages help you understand grace and mercy more?

Hebrews 5:1-4 tells us that Jesus deals gently with sinners. It doesn't matter what you have done, Jesus deals with it gently.

1. Where do you need to learn to be gentle with those who are ignorant or going astray?
2. Why is it so difficult for us to deal gently with people when we feel offended?

Hebrews 5:7 is a picture of Jesus' prayer time. Jesus was praying to God the Father while in the Garden of Gethsemane.

1. How is Jesus' prayer time similar to your prayer life? How is it different?
2. After reading 5:7, how would you want to see your prayer life change?

In Hebrews 5:7-10 we learn that Jesus had to learn obedience. Jesus couldn't be disobedient to God the Father as that would be contrary to His nature, but Jesus needed to experience what was involved in obedience

1. Where are you growing in obedience to God?
2. Jesus modeled obedience to God the Father and He is the "source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." How do you think "obedience to God" compares to "faith in God?" Are they at odds with each other or related?

Putting it into practice: Jesus is our Great High Priest who offers eternal salvation and a better sacrifice than the Old Testament system. The important thing is that we have faith in Him as both our sacrifice and Great High Priest.

1. Pray that God will show you places in your heart that you haven't given over to Him yet and ask Him to help you bring that into alignment with Him.
2. Each day this week, ask God who He would like you to share the Gospel with. It might be a family member, a neighbor, or a coworker.
3. Follow God in obedience to share the Gospel with that person.