

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Jesus is Greater”**

**New Year’s Day 2017**

Hebrews 4:14-16 & Selected

Jesus is greater than any challenge or problem I will face in 2017 – if I will just believe it and live it!

### **Why is Jesus Greater?**

#### **I. Because He alone is my Great High Priest!**

*“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.” Vs. 14a*

*“Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*

Hebrews 7:25

*“...for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:5b-6*

#### **II. Because my confession in Him is secure!**

*“...let us hold fast our confession.” Vs. 14b*

#### **III. Because He understands me like nobody else!**

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Vs. 15*

#### **IV. Because I can boldly draw near to Him daily!**

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Vs. 16*

#### **Lord, in 2017, please help me remember that...**

- **Jesus is more powerful than my fears!**

*"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7*

- **Jesus is greater than my anxieties!**

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7*

- **Jesus is the key to stop my "stinkin' thinkin"!**

*"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7*

*"...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."*

*Philippians 4:11*

- **Jesus is the answer to my guilt!**

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Vs. 16*

- **Jesus is the shoulder who can carry my burdens!**

*"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22*

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30*