

**5 Day Devotional**  
**May 24, 2026 AM Sermon**  
**“Qualified or not?”**

**Day 1:** Called By God

**Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6; Matthew 3:13-17

**Devotional:** Jesus did not appoint Himself as our High Priest—He was called by the Father. In His baptism, heaven opened and God declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This divine calling assures us that Jesus has the authority to intercede for us. Unlike human priests who might claim authority on their own, Jesus operates under the Father's perfect appointment. Today, reflect on this truth: when you come to Jesus, you're not approaching someone who merely volunteered for the job. You're coming to the One specifically chosen and qualified by God Himself to meet your deepest needs. His calling gives you confidence to approach boldly.

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**Day 2:** Compassion for Sinners

**Reading:** Luke 19:41-44; Hebrews 4:15

**Devotional:** Jesus wept over Jerusalem—the very city that would reject and crucify Him. This reveals His heart: profound compassion for sinners. He doesn't meet your struggles with disgust or disappointment, but with understanding. Jesus was "tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin," meaning He knows every battle you face. Whether you're wrestling with loneliness, pride, addiction, or fear, Jesus understands the weight of that temptation. He never condemns with shame; instead, He convicts with love, drawing you toward freedom. Today, bring your specific struggle to Jesus, knowing He weeps with compassion over your pain and offers genuine understanding, not judgment.

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**Day 3: The Ultimate Sacrifice**

**Reading:** John 10:14-18; Hebrews 5:7-9

**Devotional:** "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself." Jesus' sacrifice was voluntary, motivated by love. He wasn't a victim of circumstance but the willing author of your salvation. On the cross, He absorbed the wrath meant for your sin, experiencing spiritual and physical agony beyond comprehension. Then He conquered death through resurrection, proving His power over everything that enslaves you. This sacrifice wasn't forced—it was chosen. Jesus looked at your specific sins, your particular struggles, and said, "I will die for that person." Today, let this truth transform how you see yourself. You are worth the blood of Jesus.

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**Day 4:** Come Boldly

**Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; Psalm 103:8-14

**Devotional:** God's invitation is clear: "Come boldly to the throne of grace." Not timidly, not apologetically, but boldly. Why? Because Jesus is qualified to handle whatever you bring. You're not bothering God with your repeated struggles or overwhelming Him with your problems. He invites you to come with your burdens, your sins, your fears, your questions. Stop carrying guilt for sins already forgiven. God says when He forgives, He forgets—removing your transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Today, identify what you've been too embarrassed or ashamed to bring to God. Then come boldly, knowing Jesus is both willing and able to help.

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**Day 5:** Choose This Day

**Reading:** Joshua 24:14-15; James 4:7-10

**Devotional:** The evidence is presented. The invitation is extended. Jesus is qualified. Now the question remains: What will you do? Will you continue carrying burdens God never intended you to bear? Will you keep trying to fix problems in your own strength? Or will you surrender, repent, and trust the One who is able? This isn't about religious activity—it's about relationship. God doesn't want your perfect performance; He wants your honest surrender. Whether you need salvation, restoration in your marriage, freedom from addiction, or peace in anxiety, Jesus says, "I can handle it." Today, make your choice. Stop living in unbelief and step into the freedom Jesus purchased for you.