

5 Day Devotional
April 5, 2026 AM Sermon
“The blessing that was and is”

Day 1: The Merciful High Priest

Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Devotional: Jesus didn't just observe your struggles from heaven—He entered into them. He took on flesh, experienced every temptation you face, yet remained sinless. This means when you approach God with your failures, fears, and disappointments, you're coming to One who truly understands. He is not waiting to condemn you but to show mercy. Jesus became both the sacrifice for your sin and your advocate before the Father. The relationship broken by sin has been fully restored through His death and resurrection. Today, whatever shame keeps you from prayer, whatever guilt holds you back—bring it boldly to your merciful High Priest. He sympathizes with your weakness and offers grace exactly when you need it most.

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Day 2: Always Making Intercession

Reading: Hebrews 7:23-25

Devotional: Right now, at this very moment, Jesus sits at the Father's right hand interceding for you. Not sometimes. Not occasionally. Always. When you fail, He declares you forgiven. When you stumble, He covers you with His blood. When you doubt your worthiness, He reminds the Father that you belong to Him. This isn't because God needs reminding—it's because you need reassurance. You need to know that no matter how far you've wandered, no matter how deeply you've failed, Jesus never stops advocating for you. His priesthood is unchangeable and eternal. He is able to save you completely, to the uttermost. Today, let this truth sink deep: you are never without an advocate, never without hope, never beyond His reach.

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Day 3: Help My Unbelief

Reading: Mark 9:14-29

Devotional: The desperate father's prayer reveals a profound truth: God doesn't require perfect faith, just honest faith. "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief" acknowledges both trust and struggle simultaneously. Perhaps you believe God can heal, restore, or deliver—but doubt lingers because you've waited so long. Maybe you've prayed for your prodigal child, your broken marriage, your impossible situation until your faith feels threadbare. Jesus doesn't rebuke incomplete faith; He responds to it. He honors the father's honesty and delivers the boy. Your prayers don't need to be polished or your faith unshakeable. Bring your belief mixed with doubt, your hope mingled with fear. God is able to aid those who are tempted to give up. He meets you right where you are.

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Day 4: The Defeated Enemy

Reading: Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:13-15

Devotional: The resurrection changed everything. Through His death, Jesus destroyed the one who held the power of death—the devil himself. Satan's greatest weapon, fear of death, has been demolished for every believer. Yet many Christians still live in bondage, controlled by anxiety, paralyzed by worry, defeated by circumstances. Why? Because we've forgotten what happened on resurrection morning. The enemy you fear has already been conquered. The weapon that threatened you has been destroyed. The power that once enslaved you has been broken. Today, ask yourself: Am I living in resurrection power or in defeated thinking? The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in you. Stop believing the lies that you can't overcome, that victory isn't possible, that defeat defines you. Your enemy is defeated. Live like it.

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Day 5: Able to Aid

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 2:18

Devotional: "He is able to aid those who are tempted." Whatever temptation you're fighting today—pride, lust, doubt, fear, unbelief—God promises He is able to help you overcome it. Not that He might. Not that He'll try. He is able. This means your struggle with sin doesn't have to define you. "It's just the way I am" isn't true when you serve a God who transforms. The question isn't whether God can change you, but whether you'll come to Him for help. He invites you to approach His throne boldly, not cowering in shame but confident in His grace. Mercy and grace await you in your time of need—not judgment, not rejection. Stop choosing to live in defeat when victory has been provided. Come boldly today. Confess honestly. Receive freely. He is able.