

5-Day Devotional: Drawing Near to Our Great High Priest

Day 1: Jesus Knows Your Struggle

****Reading:**** Hebrews 4:14-16

****Devotional:****

Jesus is not a distant deity who observes your struggles from afar. He became fully human, experiencing every temptation you face—yet without sin. This means He doesn't roll His eyes at your pain or dismiss your battles. When you're exhausted from fighting the same sin repeatedly, remember: Jesus fought that battle too, and He won. His victory becomes yours when you trust Him. The throne you approach isn't one of judgment but of grace. God doesn't want your perfection; He wants your honesty and desperation. Come boldly today, not because you've earned it, but because Jesus has made the way.

****Reflection:**** What struggle have you been hiding from God, thinking He couldn't understand or wouldn't accept you?

Day 2: The Perfect Sacrifice

****Reading:**** Hebrews 10:11-18

****Devotional:****

Under the Old Covenant, priests offered sacrifices daily—thousands of animals, year after year, because the system was never complete. But Jesus changed everything. His one sacrifice was perfect and final. He didn't have to leave God's presence afterward; He sat down, His work finished. This means your sins—past, present, and future—are covered completely. You don't need to keep trying to earn God's favor through religious performance. The work is done. Jesus' blood speaks a better word than all those animal sacrifices ever could. Rest in the finished work of Christ today.

****Reflection:**** Are you living like Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient, or are you still trying to earn God's acceptance?

Day 3: Sympathetic Resonance

****Reading:**** Hebrews 2:17-18

****Devotional:****

When a note is struck on one piano, the same note resonates on another nearby—sympathetic resonance. Jesus took on a human body and kept it in heaven. Every struggle you face strikes a chord that resonates in Him. He doesn't just know about your pain theoretically; He knows it experientially. Your loneliness, your grief, your temptation to

quit—Jesus has been there. C.S. Lewis noted that only someone who resists temptation fully knows its strength. Jesus never gave in, which means He knows the full force of every temptation better than we do. He's the perfect advocate because He's fought your battle and won.

****Reflection:**** How does knowing Jesus truly understands your specific struggle change how you pray today?

Day 4: Running Toward, Not Away

****Reading:**** Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24

****Devotional:****

When confronted with who we really are, we instinctively run—but in which direction? Many run from God, thinking their sins disqualify them from His presence. But God's Word is a double-edged sword: it cuts to expose our sin, then heals by pointing us to Jesus. The proper response to conviction isn't hiding but running toward the throne of grace. God already knows everything about you—the good, the bad, and the ugly—and Jesus died for you anyway. Stop exhausting yourself trying to appear okay. Bring your mess to the throne of grace and discover that mercy and rest await you there.

****Reflection:**** What would change in your life if you stopped running from God and started running to Him with everything?

Day 5: Hold Fast to Your Confession

****Reading:**** Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25

****Devotional:****

The world constantly whispers that something better than Jesus exists—more satisfaction, fuller life, deeper meaning. But our confession declares the opposite: Jesus is enough. He lived the life we couldn't live, died the death we deserved, and rose victorious over sin and death. Now He sits at God's right hand, interceding for us. Holding fast doesn't mean white-knuckling your way through doubt alone. It means finding your community, confessing your struggles, and allowing others to point you back to Christ. The Christian life isn't a solo journey. We need each other to keep believing the gospel is true when our hearts tell us otherwise.

****Reflection:**** Who in your church community can you confess your struggles to this week, allowing them to remind you of the gospel?

****Closing Prayer:****

Father, thank You for Jesus, our great High Priest, who sympathizes with our weaknesses and invites us boldly to Your throne of grace. Help us run toward You, not away. Give us courage to confess our struggles and wisdom to hold fast to the gospel. May we find true rest for our souls in Christ alone. Amen.