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SCRIPTURE READING | HEBREWS 4:14-5:10 (CSB)

Reading reproduced from the manuscript; its supplied text begins at 4:14.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens - Jesus the Son of God - let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed in matters pertaining to God for the people, to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he is also clothed with weakness. 3 Because of this, he must make an offering for his own sins as well as for the people. 4 No one takes this honor on himself; instead, a person is called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not exalt himself to become a high priest, but God who said to him, You are my Son; today I have become your Father; 6 also says in another place, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. 7 During his earthly life, he offered prayers and appeals with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. 9 After he was perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 and he was declared by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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FOLLOW ALONG & REFLECT

What makes it possible for people like us to approach a God like him?

God has not become less holy. Our sin has not become less serious.
Jesus has done what was necessary to give us access.

1. Marvel that Jesus represents us.

HEBREWS 4:14; 5:1-6, 9-10

God provided his own Son as our enduring High Priest. Our confidence rests in his worthiness, not in how well we represent ourselves.

My confidence before God rests in _____.

2. Marvel that Jesus understands us.

HEBREWS 4:15; 5:7-8

Jesus experienced real human anguish and the weight of resisting temptation, yet without sin. He knows what obedience costs.

What weakness, grief, or temptation do I need to bring to Jesus?

3. Marvel at the access Jesus gives us.

HEBREWS 4:16

Through Jesus, we are invited to approach the throne of grace with boldness, to receive mercy and grace in our time of need.

Where do I need his mercy and grace today?

DON'T JUST MARVEL. HOLD FAST.

Hold fast. Trust Jesus himself. Hold on to him when life gets hard.
Draw near. Come through Jesus, even when you have failed.

At the Lord's Table: The body of Christ, given for us.
The blood of Christ, shed for us.