

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ
Our Compassionate High Priest
Hebrews 4:14-16

Life is fragile. It seems that with every passing day, we or someone we know experiences heartbreaking loss. As a nation, our hearts break for those who are impacted by natural disaster. As a church, when a family suffers the loss of a loved one, we mourn with them in their loss. While the rest of the world looks to place blame, believers join together in prayer and display what we hope to be an accurate reflection of the compassionate Jesus we serve.

1. Let us hold fast our confession.

2. Let us trust Him in our weaknesses.

3. Let us come boldly to the throne of grace.

Our great High Priest does not just point us down certain paths. He doesn't just inspire us with stories from the past. He doesn't just meet with us on Sundays to give us the game plan for the week. He is right there walking down the path with us. He is right there inspiring us in our own stories. He is right there every day of the week, helping us and strengthening us in aspect of life. If we would let Him. If we would trust Him. If we would hold fast to Him.

For further consideration:

Look back at the truths and claims the author makes about Jesus in chapter 2. Think about how they complement and support the truths and claims made in 4:14-16. What three characteristics does Hebrews 4:14 ascribe to Jesus and how are these attributes intended to help us hold fast to our confession? What is our most basic confession of faith? How does that confession inform our personal decision making, our attitude towards others, and our willingness to seriously consider our role in the mission of Christ? Why is it so important that we know that Jesus can sympathize with sinners? What is the difference between temptation and sin? Why are only Christians able to come boldly to the throne of grace? Why are Christians sometimes apprehensive to take advantage of the invitation to approach God?