

Building Bridges (Hebrews 4:14-5:14)

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(14) Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. [Hebrews 4:14-16]

(1) For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. (2) He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. (3) Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. (4) And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. (5) So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; (6) as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." (7) In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. (8) Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. (9) And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, (10) being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. (11) About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. (12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, (13) for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. (14) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. [Hebrews 5:1-14]

Practical Application

Christian...

1. Jesus Christ is the bridge between us and God. We are to connect people to God by pointing them to Jesus.
2. Jesus is greater than all. Jesus is higher than all. Jesus is the priest of all priests. Jesus is your connection with God. Jesus is your great high priest.
3. Jesus is praying for you now. Jesus prays for you all day every day. You can rest fully in Him.
4. Jesus connects us directly with God as Father. You have direct connection and access to heaven all day every day.
5. Hold on to Jesus. Keep believing. Keep confessing your faith. Never turn away from Jesus.
6. Jesus can sympathize with you like no one else can. He knows your weakness as a human being. He loves you, cares for you, feels for you, and is always there for you.
7. In His full humanity, Jesus was tempted just like you are. Jesus' temptation was greater than any other persons temptation has ever been. Unlike you and me, He never gave into sin.
8. Jesus knows your suffering, pain, heartache, misery, and brokenness.
9. Jesus can relate to you like no-one else. Love Jesus and be loved by Jesus.
10. Because of Jesus you can be confident and live with confidence in Him.
11. Draw near to God. Get as close with Him as you can. Run to God in all His glory and greatness. Come boldly, in Jesus' name, to His throne of grace.
12. Receive the fullness of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Receive the fullness of God's grace through Jesus Christ.
13. Go to God each day for all the help you need. Be confident in your great and gracious God.
14. Jesus did for you what no person, priest, or even you could ever do for yourself.
15. Jesus has paid the full price for your sins. In Him you don't have to suffer for your sins. In Jesus you can be positionally guiltless, shameless, and fearless.

16. Jesus is the great chosen one. Jesus is the great appointed one. Jesus gives us access to a loving relationship with God that will last forever.
17. Jesus is gentle. He is the perfect gentleman. Jesus knows our ignorance and waywardness, and loves us still.
18. All people have great weaknesses. Jesus has no weaknesses. He can give you strength. He is our strength.
19. Jesus did not die for His sins, because He had none. Jesus died for our sins, because we have many.
20. Jesus deserves more honor than anyone else. Honor Jesus today and everyday.
21. Live out the calling that God has for you.
22. Don't exalt yourself. Instead, humble yourself before God and let Him do through you what only He can.
23. Through Jesus you can know God as Father. As a child of God you can rest in your sonship/daughterhood.
24. Jesus is greater than George Washington, the Founding Fathers, Fredrick Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Ronald Reagan. Jesus is greater than anyone and everyone.
25. Learn to pray and make supplications from Jesus. Pray to God the Father, in the name of God the Son (Jesus), in the power of God the Holy Spirit.
26. Pray to God in the midst of your greatest pain and tears. Cry out to Him from the depths of your heart.
27. God can save you from anything, anyone, any situation, or any circumstance. You are never beyond His great salvation, rescue, redemption, restoration, revitalization, or renewal.
28. Pray with confidence, boldness, humility, and reverence.
29. Jesus suffered. Jesus learned obedience through what He suffered. You will suffer at some point in your life. Learn obedience through what you suffer. Do not waste your suffering. Learn from it. What might God be teaching you through it?
30. In His humanity, Jesus was perfected through His suffering. As you follow Jesus as His disciple He will perfect you as well.
31. Jesus can give you eternal life, eternal salvation. If we know and love Jesus we will be growing in obedience to Him out of love, in response to His love, and empowered by His love.
32. Don't become dull of hearing God's Word (His truth).
33. Learn God's Word and then teach it to others.
34. Grow as a Christian each day. Keep maturing, getting better, and becoming more like Jesus.
35. Learn the basic truths of God and His Word, and teach them to others by your actions and your words.
36. Take in the milk of God's Word and mature into eating the meat of God's Word.
37. Grow in godly living, skilled living, righteous living, moral living, ethical living, mature living.
38. Become more powerful, discerning, wise, and morally pure and holy.
39. Be trained, equipped, and empowered by God to live the best life possible for His glory, your good, and the good of all those around you.

Announcements

-Women's Recipe Swap and Fall Craft event today in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

-Our Wednesday night Awana Kid's programing and Adult Small Groups have started back 6:30-7:30. Dinner is provided from 6-6:30.

-New Women's Small Groups have started on Wednesday's, Saturday's, Monday's, and Thursday's. See DonDee Osburn, Ashley Beasley, Kathy Lute, or Diane Davis for more information