

WHY JESUS IS WORTHY OF YOUR FAITH

Heb. 4:13-16 – ¹³ *Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.* Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Intro: These Hebrews were having a tough time vs14

- They were **undergoing intense persecution** where many were tortured and some killed for their faith.
- Their faith was a daily struggle and **many felt like giving up.**
- Some were very **tempted to give up the public profession** of their faith.

They **wouldn't stop being saved** because they possessed eternal life.

- However, they were willing to **stop proclaiming** Jesus publicly...
- So that they could **enjoy an easier life.**
- **We are still tempted to live outside absolute faith** in the Lord Jesus.

We are tempted to look to ***every other source*** of help,

- Rather than **turning** to the Lord.
- May I remind you that **Jesus Christ is still vastly superior...**
- **God's plan is still** that His people live **by faith,**
- It is **easy** to **lose faith,**
- ***We must avoid the temptation of falling into doubt.***

Today, I want to take these few verses and show you why Jesus is worthy of our faith.

- He can be trusted with anything you will ever have need of in this life.
- If we can trust Jesus to **wash our sins away** and **give us eternal life** by faith,
- Then surely we can **trust Him** with life's smaller issues.

Let's look into these verses and see just **Why Jesus Is Worthy Of Your Faith.**

***HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE YOUR PATHWAY vs 13**

¹³ **Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

This verse deals expressly with the idea of judgment.

It reminds men that God keeps a perfect record and will, one day, execute swift, accurate judgment,

Rev. 20:11-15 - However, the same attribute that allows God to see all the evil deeds of the wicked, also permits him to **observe the steps of His children.**

Our names are in the Book of Life!!!!!!

- A. **God Is Constantly Watching Your Path** – The eyes of the Lord miss nothing!
Prov. 15:3 – The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

The Disciples in the storm. They were struggling, **but Jesus saw it all** –

Mark 6:48 - He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,

1. He sees your Trials.....

2. He sees your Temptations.....

3. He sees your Tears.....

B. God Is Continually Working Out Your Path –

Psa. 37:23 - The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

Prov. 16:9 - In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Regardless of where life leads, be sure that **God is still in control** of all that happens –

Rom. 8:28 - And we know that in all things **God works** for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Joseph – Gen. 50:20 - You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Not everything God does is pleasant, but everything God does is right!

***A small boy was playing with his sailboat at the edge of a lake. When the wind pulled the sailboat away from the shoreline and out of his reach, he began to cry as he saw it moving farther and farther away from him.

An older boy came to the scene and began throwing stones at the boat. The smaller boy cried, 'Why are you throwing stones at my boat?' The older boy said, 'You don't know what I'm doing. I'm throwing stones on the far side of the boat to create some waves to bring the sailboat back to you.'

- **Trust me; I know what I'm doing.'**
- **God knows what He is doing when He throws the stones in our lives.**
- They are meant to draw us closer to Him,
- **Not** to drive us from Him.
- **He is not** cruel.

During the Second World War metallurgists tested the steel being used to build tanks for American soldiers in the front lines.

- They had to be sure that the metal was not too hard or too soft as it passed through the tempering furnaces.
- Tension was applied to ascertain its breaking point.

- Checks were also taken to make certain that the armor would be bulletproof.
- **If any flaws showed up** in the steel, **it would undergo more tempering.**
- When it left the factory, **it was fully prepared to withstand the stress demanded of it.**

So it is with God's children!!!!!!!!!!!!

- To make us fit for His work and the instruments of His praise,
- He puts us **through the kiln of trial** and places us **in the testing room of life.**
- Pressures are **constantly applied to sanctify us**
- **And to reveal the weaknesses** which only His grace can remedy.

C. God Is Confidently Waiting At The End Of Your Path –

- **Everything** God does in your life,
- **Or allows** to happen in your life,
- Is simply **His way of maturing you** into the image of His Son Jesus –

Eph. 4:13 - until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- **God's desire is that we decrease that He might increase!**

****HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SENSE YOUR PAIN vs 15**

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A. He Feels Our Pain –

Stephen – Acts 7:55-56 - But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (The Sanhedrin)

Just like Jesus – **Forgive them** they know what they do....

Stephen – While he could be mad...

- He said look, **I see Heaven**....
- Just as He felt the pain of Jesus and Stephen,
- **He feels your pain this morning.**
- When you have a need in your life,
- **Heaven is moved** to take care of it.
- **Jesus knows** what you feel and He loves you.
- **When you hurt, He hurts!**

B. He Is Familiar With **Our Problems** –

Some may ask, "How can Jesus know **what** I am going through?"

- He is perfect and way off up in Heaven.
- How can He possibly feel what I feel?"
- ***He is able to know*** what humans feel because **He has lived** life as a human and has experienced *the same* hardships that you face tonight.

1. **He Understands Temptation** – Satan temps Jesus in the desert

Matt. 4:4-11 - Jesus answered, "**It is written**: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, **but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

The nature of **His temptations** –

1 John 2:16 – For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—**comes not from the Father** but from the world.

Jesus was tempted **in all the same areas** where we are tempted today.

- You see, **Jesus** was not only sinless, but He was, and is, incapable of sinning!
- He has a **hatred for sin** that few of us can imagine.
- Therefore, coming face to face with sin was a horrible event for **Jesus**.
- **He can help you when you are tempted.**

2. He Understands Rejection –

John 6:66 – From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

- He knows what it is like to have the world turn its back on you.
- In fact, He knows what it is like **to face something** that no one in this room will ever experience, if you are saved.

He knows what it is like **to have God turn His back to you** –

Matt. 27:46 - About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ***“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”***

******He endured these things so that He might help you when you face a time of need in your own life.**

3. He Understands Poverty And Need –

- **Jesus knows** what it is like when the ends won't meet no matter how far you stretch them.
- **He understands** need and is able to offer help during those tough times.

4. He Understands Grief – **John 11:35 – Jesus wept.**

- **Jesus knows exactly** what it is like to lose someone you love.
- Therefore, ***He can help you*** when you face those times of loss.
- **Jesus understands human heartbreak.**

5. He Understands Loneliness –

Matt. 26:39 – Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ***“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”***

- **He knows** what it is like **to have no one around Him** who understands what He is going through.
- **He knows** what it means to hurt alone....
- **He knows** how to help you through those troubled times of loneliness also.

*****HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS - vs 16**

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

A. A Petition –

The Lord gives us an **open invitation** to come to Him for help to get through life.

- **Why is it** that He who should be our first resort is ***often our last?***
- **We are so guilty** of trying everything else before we seriously seek help from the Lord.
- **We will try** worry, pity, self-effort,
- **Then when everything else fails us**, we will run to Jesus and look to Him for the help we could have received a long while before.

Here is God's plan for you in trouble –

1 Pet. 5:7 - Cast **all** your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

B. His Power –

The power of any king is only as great as the power of the kingdom behind him!

With that in mind, just **what kind of power does Jesus have?**

1. He Has **Exceeding** Power –
2. He Has **Need Meeting** Power –
3. He Has **Cleansing** Power –
4. He Has **Healing** Power –
5. He Has **Load Lifting** Power –
6. He Had **Mountain Moving** Power –
7. He Has **All** Power – **His power** is all summed up in one phrase from **Eph. 3:20**, **"He is able."**

C. A Promise –

His promise to us is that **when we come** to Him by faith,

- **We will find all that we need to meet the need** of our heart and life.
- **He will give us exactly** what we need –
- ***It is still sufficient!!!!***

CLOSE:

Have you been tempted lately to "lose faith?"

- Does it seem that the load you are called to bear just **gets too heavy** at times?
- Maybe Satan, or foolish people **have encouraged you to give up.**
- ***Don't give up, come to Jesus!***

Jesus - He is ready, willing and able to give you all that you need to get you through whatever you are faced with this morning.

- **HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE YOUR PATHWAY**
- **HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SENSE YOUR PAIN**
- **HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS**

If you will **trust Jesus** with your problem, **by faith**,

- **He will never fail you!**
- **Is there something you need to bring to Jesus right now?**
- If so, just come and **let Him have His way** in your life.
- **He is all you will ever need!**

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