



## Renewed Focus: Jesus, Our High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-16

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How does God's word guide us as we start the new year? The writer of Hebrews addresses scared, discouraged, and hurting Christians who were hoping for a better future. Persecution had tempted Christians to go back to what was once comfortable and safe. But the writer encouraged them to keep the faith. Where were they to find the strength to persevere? That was found in the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ.

Have you been tempted to compromise your faith? Are pressures of life pulling you down? Do you long for better days in 2025? In Hebrews 4:14-16, the superiority of Jesus as our Great High Priest strengthens our faith by reminding us that 1) Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses, 2) Jesus shows us a sinless example, and 3) Jesus sets a path toward God's timely mercy and grace.

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Sermon Notes

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Jesus is the Great High Priest who strengthens our faith (Hebrews 4:14). *"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."*

A. Jesus, our Great High Priest, sympathizes with our weaknesses (Hebrews 4:15a) *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses."*

B. Jesus, our Great High Priest, shows us a sinless example (Hebrews 4:15b) *"... but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

C. Jesus, our Great High Priest, sets our path toward God's timely mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16) *"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."*

We gain a clearer and more hopeful perspective on our current situation, however challenging it may be, by being aware of the supremacy of Jesus Christ. As Chuck Swindoll says, "Only when we give Jesus His rightful place in our lives will everything else in life fall into its rightful place."