

God is Able: A Walk through the book of Hebrews
God is able to bring calm to our chaos Hebrews 4:14-5:10
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Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, 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 sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

5:1 Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. 4 No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." 6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Big Idea: *Jesus brings calm to our chaos* through our confession, fellow travelers, obedience and prayerful trust in Him.

I. Chaos is an opportunity to _____ Jesus to our world.

Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we *profess*.

4:14 Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. (The Message)

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

1Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good *confession* in the presence of many witnesses.

2Corinthians 9:13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your *confession* of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Our Response: Chaos comes in many forms to each of our lives. How are you coping with your chaos? Do you run to old unhealthy patterns for help? How can you confess Jesus in your life and begin a new path?

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II. Thank God for our _____ in this chaotic world.

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2 Corinthians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Our Response: How is it helpful to know that Jesus feels what you are feeling? Who has Jesus put in your life who could help you navigate through your trials? Ask a fellow traveler for help.

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III. Jesus endured the severest _____ known to man.

Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

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IV. _____ taps into the power to calm our chaos.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

2 Corinthians 12:8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Our Response: Give God your chaos... surrender it to Him, and trust Jesus to help you navigate through it with His mercy, grace and peace. You can see, if you just look up.

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