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## **Confidently**

This is going to take some getting used to. **What is going to take some getting used to?** It is going to take some time getting used to the idea that I can confidently and boldly make my needs known to you. **Why is that?** I'm not sure. But I will tell you this, I have been more likely to make my needs weakly and timidly known to you than boldly and confidently. **That's not good.** I know. **Why would you timidly and weakly make your needs known to me? Have you not heard? I have extended my grace and mercy to you. There is nothing I wouldn't do for you. Do you need proof? Must I convince you? What would it take for me to prove my love to you? What would convince you that it would be my pleasure and joy to help you at all times, and especially when you are in great need? I know, if I sent my one and only Son to die a painful death on the cross as payment for your sins, then you would know how much I love and care for you.** Well, you already did that. **Yes, I did.** You have no need to prove your love for me. I know that you celebrated in heaven on the day that I surrendered my life to you. I know that you are for me. I know that you are kind and loving and gracious towards me. I know that you are on my side. You are my Heavenly Father. I am your child. You adopted me into your family. You made me your own. **Yes, I did.** You love and care for me beyond any words that I could possibly express. **Yes, I do.**

**So, how will you respond to my love for you?** I will draw near to you. I will live in an intimate relationship with you. I will live my life in a constant and ongoing dialogue of prayer with you. I will continually make my needs known to you. I will listen to your voice. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will do what you ask of me. I will hold on to you as you hold on to me through this journey of life and faith you are leading on. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, thank you for making the way to God open to me. You broke down all the barriers that separated me from Him. Thank you for understanding and sympathizing with all my weaknesses. Thank you also for extending grace and mercy to help me in my need. Amen*

## **Becoming Like Christ** *With Confidence*

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NIV Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Come Boldly*

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

NLT Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *With Boldness*

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

NRSV Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Confidently*

Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [already] ascended *and* passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him]. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand *and* sympathize *and* have a shared feeling with our weaknesses *and* infirmities *and* liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then fearlessly *and* confidently *and* boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

AMP Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *With Confidence*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

NASB Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *With Confidence*

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. 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. 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.

ESV Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Come Boldly*

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

NKJV Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Walk Right Up*

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. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

MSG Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Come Boldly*

But Jesus the Son of God is our great High Priest who has gone to heaven itself to help us; therefore let us never stop trusting him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses since he had the same temptations we do, though he never once gave way to them and sinned. So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need.

TLB Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Feel Very Sure*

Since we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has gone into heaven, let us hold on to the faith we have. For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. When he lived on earth, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.

NCV Hebrews 4:14-16

# With Confidence

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Hebrews 4:14-16

**In Context:** *Read Hebrews 4*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has Jesus Christ opened your way and access to God?

How are you firmly holding on to the faith you profess?

Why is Jesus Christ able to understand and sympathize with your weaknesses?

**Why can you confidently approach God and ask Him for what you need?**

**How are you regularly making your needs known to God?**

How has God extended His grace and mercy to you even though you were undeserving of it?

**How has God helped you when you were in great need?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Regularly and confidently make your needs known to God.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will extend His grace and mercy to you by helping you when you are in great need.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are confidently making your requests known to God.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you confidently approach God and make your needs known to Him.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Heavenly Father, thank you that I can confidently approach you and make my needs known.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, what needs do I need to make known to you today?*

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