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# Comfort Food for the Soul We're so glad you're here!

## Monthly Devotional August 2025

#### **Our Compassionate High Priest**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:4-16 (NKJV)

"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."

Devotion: Life often brings challenges that make us feel weak, tempted, or overwhelmed. Hebrews 4:14 -16 offers us hope and comfort by reminding us of who Jesus is—our compassionate High Priest who fully understands our struggles and invites us to approach Him with confidence.

God and the people, offering sacrifices for their sins. Jesus fulfills this role perfectly as our eternal High Priest. He has "passed through the heavens," signifying His victory over sin and death and His exalted position at the right hand of God. Because of this, we can hold tightly to our faith, knowing that our Savior has secured our salvation...

Jesus, Our Great High Priest: In the Old Testament, the high priest served as a mediator between

- A Savior Who Understands: One of the most comforting truths in this passage is that Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses. He experienced every form of temptation and struggle we face, yet He remained sinless. This means that when we come to Him with our pain, temptations, or failures, He understands. He doesn't condemn us but offers compassion and strength to overcome. .
- Boldly Approaching the Throne of Grace: Because of Jesus, we have direct access to God. We don't need to approach Him with fear or hesitation but can come boldly to His throne, confident that we will receive mercy and grace. Whether we're in need of forgiveness, encouragement, or strength, God's throne is a place of unlimited help in our time of need.

#### Are there areas in your life where you feel weak or tempted?

**Reflection Questions:** 

How does knowing Jesus understands your struggles encourage you?

Do you approach God's throne with confidence, or do you hold back?

What might be keeping you from fully embracing His mercy and grace?

How can you hold fast to your faith, even in challenging times, knowing Jesus is interceding for you?

**Prayer.** Jesus, thank You for being my compassionate High Priest. Thank You for understanding my

struggles and for standing in the gap for me. Help me to hold fast to my faith, trusting in Your victory over sin and death. Give me boldness to approach Your throne of grace, where I can find the mercy and help I need. Strengthen me in my weakness and remind me of Your constant presence and love. In Your name, Amen. Challenge: This month, whenever you feel weak, tempted, or overwhelmed, take a moment to inten-

He is ready to give you the mercy and strength you need. Let His understanding and compassion renew your confidence in His love.

tionally approach God's throne of grace in prayer. Speak honestly about your struggles, and trust that

### (ESV) So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

**August 2025 Memory Verses** 

### 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

**Week 1 2 Corinthians 4:16-17** 

(KJV) For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

(NLT) That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

### **(KJV)** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Week 2 Colossians 3:23

(NLT) Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**(ESV)** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

Week 3 <u>Luke 16:13</u>

to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

(ESV) No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted

(KJV) No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to

despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

(NLT) No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and

Week 4 <u>Genesis 1:27–28</u>

(ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that

moves on the earth." **(KJV)** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and

moveth upon the earth. (NLT) So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign

subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that

## over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

Week 5 <u>Romans 12:2</u>

**(ESV)** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

(NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**(KJV)** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove