

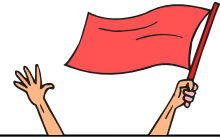
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Call for Help

Reaching out to Christ When Life is Caving In



1. Value _____ (vv.14-15)

2. Expect _____ (vv.14-16)

3. Start _____ (v.16)

Hebrews 4:14-16

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. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. List a few of the difficulties you currently face in trying to live a faithful and honorable Christian life?

In what way did Jesus face the same kinds of trials?

2. What are some of the temptations to sin or temptations to "give up" that you face?

Read **1 Corinthians 10:13**. How does this perspective change the way you view your temptations?

3. Describe a situation in which your prayers for strength and encouragement were clearly and powerfully answered.

4. What can you do to be more expectant and confident in your prayers for help?

How has God's faithfulness in the past proven that your confidence is well placed?

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

February 19th

Lev. 11-12 & Prov. 6

February 20th

Lev. 13-14 & Prov. 7

February 21st

Lev. 15-16 & Prov. 8

February 22nd

Lev. 17-18 & Prov. 9

February 23rd

Lev. 19-20 & Prov. 10

February 24th

Lev. 21-22 & Prov. 11

February 25th

Lev. 23-24 & Prov. 12

February 26th

Lev. 25-27 & Prov. 13

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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