

"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. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16 (NASB).

Reflect for a moment that the Savior of our souls can relate to everything happening in your life right now. Can sympathize and feels what we have ever felt and will continue to in the future. Jesus is able to identify with us because He is and was us. Relatable to our own experiences, yes really, because of His human experience. We tend to forget Jesus had a personal life as us, He understands our weaknesses and vicissitudes; the ups and downs and changes in our lives we all face: Mentally, Emotionally, Physically and Spiritually.

Jesus knows and understands what we've been and will go through because He faced the same temptations (test) and challenges as we have. But unlike every human being He remained sinless and didn't give in or give up. And depending on how we look at the situation (test) we find ourselves in, whether meant to bring us down or designed to build us up. We're encouraged to draw near to God (in prayer) with confidence to the throne of grace. To approach the very presence of God's unmerited favor that we may ...

... receive mercy (divine active tender compassion), in order to find grace (unmerited favor) to help us in our time of need.

We have a high priest (Jesus) who grants us access to the Father that we can go to because we belong. Do you need heavens help? Come to God with confidence that you will find what you're in need of. With all that's happening, I can't imagine a better reason to draw closer to Christ because He can relate with compassion and help with unmerited favor.

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