

the Heart of Christ

for SINNERS and SUFFERERS

Sunday, October 31, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Matthew 11:29 (ESV)

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Hebrews 4:14-5:2 (ESV)

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ^{5:1} For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

Part 2 | He Gets It

Hebrews 4:14-5:2

Jesus can deal **GENTLY** with us

solidarity, sympathy: co-suffers 4:15, 5:2 Hebrews 2:14-18; Isaiah 52:13-53:12

with the “ignorant and wayward” 5:2 Numbers 15:27-31; Isaiah 40:10-11

and **DELIGHTS** to

the joy set before him... Hebrews 12:2; Luke 15:7

his deep desire John 17:24

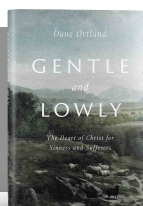
— **COME TO HIM!**

he is comforted in our healing Ephesians 5:29-30; John 15:11; 17:13;

with abandon Hebrews 4:16

Gentle and Lowly

This series is based in large part on insights from the book *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group. If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.
What is your favorite kitchen and/or shop tool/gadget?

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Video Primer

We've purchased a video series for use by your Life Group that accompanies this series. Before jumping into the study questions, open the camera on your phone or tablet and point it at the QR code below. Tap the link it reveals to load the video.

Note: If your camera app doesn't show a link, search your AppStore for a free QR code reader app to use the code below.



Session 2

Digging Deeper

Read Hebrews 12:1-7. Note any key observations below.

1. What is the "joy" that Hebrews 12:2 is speaking of?

2. According to v. 3 what should we do when we're tempted to sin? When we want to give up? When we've found ourselves stuck in sin?
3. How does God's discipline of us square with his gentleness toward us and delight in us?

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. This is a prophecy about Jesus. What stands out to you about him in this passage?

4. Based on the above passage in Isaiah, how would you define Jesus' ability to sympathize with us? (You might also read **Heb. 2:14-18**)
5. How do you tend to think of Jesus? Do you tend to emphasize his deity and downplay his real humanity in your own thoughts of him?

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:2. Jot down anything that is striking to you.

6. Pastor Josh mentioned that **Hebrews 4:15** speaks to Jesus' "solidarity" with us. He's *with us* not only in his nearness to us but also in the fact that he has journeyed the same difficult path of life on earth that we are on. Have you deeply considered Christ's "solidarity" with you? What does this mean for your everyday life?
7. Consider the word "gently" in **5:2**, speaking of the priests and of Jesus as the perfect priest. Does this word surprise you in any way?

Closing Thought

What is a difficulty in your life right now that needs calm and healing? Stop and reflect on what it means for Christ to genuinely sympathize with you in that difficulty. How does that give you future hope?

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Hebrews 4:14-5:2 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

14 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**. 15 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. 16 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**. 5:1 For **every high priest chosen** from among men is **appointed** to act on **behalf** of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with **weakness**.