

**March Memory Verse:** "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." **Hebrews 4:16** 

Series: Jesus is Better (09)

Title: <u>Jesus gives a Better Confidence</u> Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16; 2:17-18

When do we lose our confidence? When we are weak or being tempted. (Heb. 4:14-16) Truth: We have a mediator who sympathizes with us in our weakness and has been tempted in every way we have and has shown us the way of victory. (Heb. 2:17-18)

- 1. Jesus knows our weakness when we are tired. Mark 6:30-32
- 2. Jesus knows our weakness when we are thirsty. John 19:28-30
- 3. Jesus knows our weakness when we are hungry. Matt. 4:1-4
  - When we are weak and hungry, temptation comes.
    - There is physical temptation from the Flesh (do what feels right).
    - There is intellectual and emotional temptation from the Devil (question God and His love).
    - There is control and ambition temptation from the World (take what you want).
- 4. Jesus knows our weakness when we are tired, thirsty, and hungry. John 4:3-8
  - Jesus shows us to look out for others when we are tired. John 4:9-15
  - Thirst reminds us that He alone truly satisfies forever. John 4:16-38
  - Hunger reminds us that the gospel is the food the world needs. John 4:39-42
- 5. Jesus knows our weakness when our loved ones are sick or die. John 11:1-16
  - Jesus shows us that death is not the end there is a resurrection.
    John 11:17-27
  - Jesus shows us that grief is good. John 11:28-37
- 6. Jesus knows our weakness when we are depressed. Mark 14:32-36
  - Jesus models for us to acknowledge the love and power of Father God, ask for the impossible, and surrender to the Lord's will when we are depressed.

- 7. Jesus knows our weakness when we are alone. Luke 22:54-62
- 8. Jesus knows our weakness when we can't sleep. Matt. 26:36-46
- 9. Jesus knows our weakness when our bodies are faint or sick, Mark 15:15-23
- 10. Jesus knows our weakness when our bodies give way and we die. Mark 15:33-39

We have a mediator who gives us confidence to go to God in our weak time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16)

- 1. We receive mercy from God through Jesus.
- 2. We find abundant grace to help us.
- 3. Jesus, the Son of God, gives us confidence to hold fast to our confession.

## Warren Weirsbe said:

If we fail to hold fast our confession, we are not proving that Jesus Christ has failed. We are only telling the world that we failed to draw on His grace and mercy when it was freely available to us.