



Sermon Notes

Live By Faith - Mercy and Grace

Hebrews 4:14-16

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1. **Faith** is the confidence that God is who God says he is, and he will always do what he has promised to do.
2. The **focus** of faith is the person of Jesus Christ.
3. God has NOT promised to keep bad things from happening to me
4. God has NOT promised to heal me from every illness
5. God has NOT promised to reverse the consequences of sinful or unwise decisions I make
6. God has NOT promised to make every Christian wealthy
7. Take every promise you run across in the Bible, and lay it beside the experience of the disciples and Jesus.
8. What HAS God promised us?
9. Hebrews 4:14, 15 “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. 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.
10. Hebrews 4:16a “Let us then approach the throne of grace with **confidence** (*openness, boldness, transparency*)...”
11. Hebrews 4:16b “...so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
12. Faith prayer: “Lord, I HOPE you change my circumstances, but I’m clinging to your PROMISE of mercy and grace.”
13. Mercy: God will never allow you to face or to feel more than you can handle
14. Grace: the infusion of strength and power to get you through
15. When you and I refuse to be content with the promises of God, we often step out of the experience of the mercy and grace of God
16. If we’re honest, what we REALLY want is spot intervention for ME.
17. Diagnostic: Are you holding God to things he hasn’t promised you?

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