

# HOW GOD USES SUFFERING TO STRENGTHEN US

Hebrews 5.1-10 // May 25, 2025

## DESCRIPTION OF THE HIGH PRIEST

In speaking of the earthly High Priest, the author notes four distinctions about the office of the High Priest.

1. Originate from the people.
2. Their weaknesses made them relatable to the people.
3. Not an elected official, but called by God.
4. They represent men, particularly through their offerings.

And while this office was given in order to “temporarily put on hold” God’s wrath toward sin, at some point this “interest only” payment would not be enough.

Romans 2.4, 5

## LEARNED OBEDIENCE

Eventually, a new High Priest was sent, and it was the very Son of God Almighty. But although He was the Son, He would not be given preferential treatment. He would have to go through all that the earthly High Priests would go through, even what every human would have to go through, and through this, He also became a High Priest originated from the people, with the weakness of human experience being what makes Him sympathetic and gentle.

Philippians 2.6-9 // Romans 8.18

**Touched with sympathy within,  
He knows our feeble frame.  
He knows what sore temptations mean,  
For He has felt the same.**

-Isaac Watts

## SUFFERING IS A TEACHER

**The staying power of our faith is neither demonstrated  
nor developed until it is tested in suffering.**

-D.A. Carson

Ecclesiastes 1.18 // Psalm 119.67

**Suffering times are a Christian’s harvest times.**

-Thomas Brooks

Hebrews 12.1, 2, 7-13

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Community Meal:** Next Sunday after service we will enjoy some time of food and fellowship together, with a burgers and dogs “start to the summer” theme! Meat will be provided, signup to bring something to share here:



<https://lmclnk.com/cpm>

**Women’s Gathering:** We will be on summer break from June to August. See you in September!

**Summer Doctrine & Theology Class:** As our groups take a summer break, plan to join us for a weekly Doctrine & Theology Class. We’ll be meeting here, at the school, starting on June 11, from 6:30-8pm

### This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

**Psalm 84.1-4**

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

**Mark 2:17**

And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 5.1-10**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does having a High Priest who has not gotten any preferential treatment highlight our ability to be able to trust God even when going through awful circumstances? How might it change our perspective, prayers, and attitude towards God as we endure suffering?

### Your Life Mission

As Christians, we are all called to be like Christ. And while we won't represent people before God, we *are* all called to be priests in the Kingdom. One way we can do this is by being like our High Priest. We can sympathize and be gentle towards others who struggle with their faith, have doubts in life, and have accusations against God amidst their sufferings.

Who in your life needs a "lower case" priest who can sympathize with them with gentleness as you relate your own hardships? How can you come alongside them in order to hopefully bring them before the "upper case" High Priest who is not only able to sympathize with them, but strengthen them and save them?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

## THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom  
and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

Give \_\_\_\_\_ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.  
Help \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive \_\_\_\_\_,  
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises  
so that \_\_\_\_\_ may not sin against You.  
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



# LIFE MISSION

## CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

# HEBREWS

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### SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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