

HOLD FAST, AND APPROACH BOLDLY

Hebrews 4.14-16 // May 18, 2025

BECAUSE AND THEREFORE

Paying attention to the “small words” in the bible is of critical importance for us. Whether it is “and” or “but” or “if,” all of these make a huge difference in understanding what the Lord is telling us. And in Hebrews, we see a *lot* of these, and in particular we see *a lot* of two important phrases: Because, and Therefore.

BECAUSE:

An “indicative” statement that “indicates” a truth.

THEREFORE:

An “imperative” statement telling us what do in light of the indicative.

HOLD FAST

Because we have a “great High Priest” who entered into the heavens on our behalf, we then *therefore* should hold firmly to the confession of our faith in Him.

But what is this confession? A confession is a statement of our beliefs, and in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he recites what is probably the earliest “confession” or “creed” of the Christian faith, called the “Corinthian Creed”:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
He was buried, and He was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

-Corinthian Creed, quoted in 1 Corinthians 15.3, 4

1 Corinthians 15.3, 4 // 1 Corinthians 15.1, 2 // Hebrews 10.23

APPROACH BOLDLY ...SO THAT

But the author doesn’t just give us a hollow command. He gives us a powerful *reason* for why we can and must hold fast to the confession. Jesus Himself experienced the weaknesses of life. He faced the dread of pain and loss. He was the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief, and He knows what it is like to be human. But this sympathy is not just simply “feeling sorry” for us. It means that He actually comes alongside of us, which gives us a third important habit to look for in the Word, and that is to look for the “SO THATS.”

SO THAT:

WHY? should we obey the imperatives of God’s Word?

In this text, he says, “*so that* we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.” We need *help straight from the throne room of God!*

NOTES:

Announcements:

Men’s Ministry: Come on out, Men of Life Mission, for a time of encouragement, conversation, and prayer! Tomorrow night, May 19th, from 7-8:30pm at Brian Galloway’s house.

Escondido Street Festival: Today! Stop by our booth and say hi. We’re across the street from Burger Bench. While you’re there, grab a bite from one of the other booths and mingle with our Escondido community.

This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 98.1-9

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

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**

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**.

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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 4.14-16**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does having a "because/indicative" statement radically change how we approach and commit to the "therefore/imperative" statements? What happens if we believe a "because" but don't pursue the "therefore," and what happens when we commit to the "therefores" but don't have them in light of the "because"?

Your Life Mission

For all of us, our life mission is to glorify God in all that we do, no matter what we do. That's our "therefore." But if the glory of God is our goal and aim, we have to also remember that the *fuel* for our life mission must *also* be the glory of God. As we behold the great "because" of our own salvation, that should be the fuel that motivates and impassions us to commit the therefores of seeing God glorified in and through our lives.

Who in your life are you hoping to have good Gospel conversations with soon that you need prayer for that you might receive mercy and find grace from the throne room of God? Ask those in your Community Group to help you boldly go into that throne room on their behalf.

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.

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