

## **SERMON TEXT**

*"Jesus: Our Source of Confident Comfort"*

Hebrews 10:19–25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## **SERMON NOTES**

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## MEDITATION

The Lord has more ways of confronting me than I have ways of evading Him.

– Ray Ortland

We ourselves know by experience that there is no place for comfort like the cross. It is a tree stripped of all foliage, and apparently dead; yet we sit under its shadow with great delight, and its fruit is sweet unto our taste.

– C. H. Spurgeon

## OPENING SONG

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship and praise you O Lord,

*Because you are our haven of rest.*

You are the one to whom we turn

*In every trial and troubled time.*

You give us hope, and we trust in you alone.

*From the very beginning of our lives,  
to the very end, you are our strength!*

*Amen.*

*Based on Psalm 71*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### WORSHIP IN SONG

### PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done

by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Titus 3:1–7*

### CONFESSION

Father, there are so many things I know I should do that I don't, and so many things that I know I should not do that I do. Your word instructs me to be holy, obedient, diligent, humble, compassionate, selfless, and pure. But in my flesh, I am worldly, rebellious, lazy, arrogant, indifferent, self-absorbed, and lustful. My life is a daily struggle against myself, and sometimes victories seem few and far between. Lord, have mercy on me and cleanse me from unrighteousness. Help me to risk obedience to you, and fill me with your forgiveness and hope.

### GRACE

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

*Ephesians 2:4–5*

<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40:31*

### SONG OF GRACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Cove kids (Little Cove: Pre-K–1<sup>st</sup> grade; Big Cove: 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade) are dismissed. Nursery is available, and if needed, there is an “Infant Room” for moms and babies located at the back of the sanctuary. During the announcements, please turn your attention to the HAPPENINGS insert!

### SERMON

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### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### CLOSING SONG

### BENEDICTION

## PRAYERS OF MEDITATION

### Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.

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