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## Cornerstone Church OF KNOXVILLE

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**Main point - God has always intended for us to confidently approach him in prayer**

- 1 - Our Confession
- 2- Christ's Compassion
- 3- Our Confident Approach

**#1 :**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 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.

**#2:**

Mark 15:37-38

“And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

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Hebrews 9:24

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Hebrews 2:17-18

“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the

people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

**#5:**

Hebrews 10:19-23

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

**#6:**

“The challenge and encouragement we find here to approach the throne is an admonition to persistent, confident prayer that is based particularly on Jesus’ own experience, sufferings, and trials, and his consequent ability to sympathize with our weaknesses.”

- P.T. O’Brien