

## **Intimacy**

### Part 3 – In the Trenches

#### **Intro/Review**

Jesus sought out the lost & broken, not the good people

Status & sense of superiority will keep you from experiencing the grace & love of God

Jesus looks at enemies with compassion

He desires compassion rather than sacrifice

#### **In the Flesh**

John 1:14 Jesus became flesh and “pitched His tent” with us.

Philippians 2:6-8 becomes human, a servant, obedient to a terrible death

Hebrews 4:14-5:8

15-sympathizes with weaknesses  
tempted in every way

5:2-gentle w/misguided & ignorant

7-loud crying & tears

8-learned obedience through suffering

Jesus doesn't merely “feel bad” for our struggles & hurts...

He chooses to experience & suffer them Himself.  
lonely, sad, scared, betrayed, tortured to death

He does this to connect with us, to love us, to save us  
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#### **Application**

4:16 let us draw near with confidence

We tend to draw away because of weakness ,  
temptations, failures

Ephesians 2:12-13 brought near by the blood of  
Christ

You don't get closer to God by being good or getting  
better.

You are brought near because He loved you, pitched  
His tent with you, suffered & struggled for you, and  
then DIED for you

He shed His blood & broke His body so you could come  
near in your broken & bloody state.

We come to Him each day based on that.

Grace, mercy, because of love