

**Read:** Hebrews 4:14-5:14

There was a Son who inherited a business from his father. It sounds like a big deal and cushy life, but it wasn't like that for him. The father made sure the son learned the business from the ground up. He had to work in the workshops along with the mechanics. He visited the suppliers to see where the raw materials come from, and find out for himself how hard it was to get them at the right place. He had to go out as a salesman into the suspicious world and he had to share the work of the financial department as they spent day after day crunching the complicated numbers. Only when he thoroughly understood the business did he get an office. He had to learn what it meant to be the son of his father.

**Questions to consider:**

- What is a difficult lesson you learned, and how did you learn it?
- How does Jesus fulfill the role of high priest as explained in verses 4:14-5:10?
- How do these same verses highlight the ways Jesus was more than your average high priest?
- How does it affect you knowing Jesus can sympathize with your weaknesses?
- What scenes from Jesus' life are called to mind by 5:7-8?
- The writer of Hebrews challenges his readers to grow into a more "mature" faith. What do you think he means by that phrase?

**Prayer:**

Practice praying with confidence. Spend a few minutes praying and meditating on the truth that Jesus sympathizes with you.