

Killable

Hebrews 2:14-18

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Hebrews 2:14-18 “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

I. Jesus was born to break what breaks you.

Hebrews 2:14 “ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, **He Himself likewise partook of the same things**, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil...”

The Greek word translated “**share**” means *something we are by nature*.

The Greek word translated “**partook**” means *something Jesus entered by choice*.

*You didn't volunteer to be human. **Jesus did.***

*You didn't choose weakness. **Jesus did.***

*That's why His death destroys death —
because **He entered it freely**, not as a victim but as a Savior.*

II. Jesus was born to free you from the fear beneath every fear.

Hebrews 2:15 “ and deliver all those who through **fear of death** were subject to **lifelong slavery**.”

A. Fear often has more power over us than the thing we fear.

Proverbs 29:25 “The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.”

You can be safe and still live trapped if you live afraid.

B. Fear exaggerates the threat and shrinks your view of God.

Exodus 14:13-14 “And Moses said to the people, ‘Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.’”

F.E.A.R. = False Evidence Appearing Real

Fear doesn't make threats bigger — it makes God smaller in our eyes.

C. Fear can paralyze you long after the danger is gone.

Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

D. Perfect love doesn't just push fear out — it fills the space fear used to occupy.

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”

When your weapon is stronger than your enemy's, his weapon loses its power.

Satan had death. Jesus had eternal life.

Satan loses. Jesus wins. And everyone in Him wins, too.

III. Jesus was born to stand with you in your weakness

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. ¹⁸For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, **He is able to help those who are being tempted.**”

A. He had to be human to represent you.

Romans 5:18-19 “Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.”

B. He had to be human — fully human — to atone for your sin.

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

C. He had to be human to be your merciful and faithful High Priest.

Hebrews 4:15; 5:2 “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...²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since He Himself is beset with weakness.”

D. He had to be human so He would be killable — to suffer and die for you.

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Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group discussion:

1. Review Hebrews 2:14. How does that truth reshape the way you think about suffering, loss, or your future?
2. Where do you see F.E.A.R. (False Evidence Appearing Real) operating in your heart right now? What assumptions, imaginations, or “what-if” stories have been shaping your thoughts or decisions?
3. Jesus was born to stand with you in your weakness. Which of your weaknesses do you hide from others — or even from God? How does Hebrews 2:17–18 invite you to bring that weakness into the light?
4. How does knowing Jesus understands your temptations change the way you fight them?
5. In what area of life do you need to experience Jesus not only as Savior, but as Helper? What burden, temptation, or discouragement needs His sympathy and strength right now?