What We All Have in Common

Hebrews 2.17-18

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Introduction:

- Where we have been:
  - 1.1-4 – Jesus: the perfect revelation of God
  - 1.5-14 – Jesus is greater than the angels
  - 2.1-4 – So don't abandon the faith; don't be afraid
  - 2.5-9 – the affirmation of the Incarnation
  - 2.10-16 – the rationale for Christ's suffering
  - All of this leads us to verses 17-18
    - Christ's suffering has incomparable value

Main Points: We can embrace suffering because…

1. We're not **alone** -- Jesus came in response to a commission
   - He was sent by God to **serve** God's people as their perfect high priest
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2. We've won – Our salvation is **secure** because it's held by Jesus
   - Jesus wasn't just the priest, he was the **sacrifice** too
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3. We've got a God who **cares**
   - Jesus can **empathize** with us
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Conclusion

- Suffering is **inevitable** but it will not defeat us because…
  - We're not alone
    - Jesus came to stand between us and the eternal reality
  - We're more that conquerors
    - Sin, death, and devil are defeated foes
  - We're loved by God
    - Jesus knows what we go through and he's there for us
- These are the new realities for believers everywhere; it's what we all have in common

Amen