**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of February 23, 2025**

***“All In for Prayer, Part 2: Faith Time” Hebrews 4:14-16***

**INTRODUCTION: *What does it mean to be “All In” with God? The leaders at CrossRoads arrived at this theme to define the commitment we feel is necessary to fully honor God and serve people at CrossRoads. It means focusing on three priorities: “All In” for Prayer, Community Groups, and Service.
How do we become All-In in prayer? Like the High Priest who basically risked his life to bring the sacrifice before God’s altar, we now have access to the very throne of God because Jesus gave His life as the sacrifice for our sins! But instead of approaching a throne of judgment, we’re approaching a throne of grace, which we’re to do boldly and receive God’s mercy and grace!***

**1. faith in the risen savior**

***“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”***

***Hebrews 4:14***

* + - ***Seek Relationship / Reward – Hebrews 11:6***
		- ***Strive for Rest – Hebrews 4:11***
		- ***Sustain the Regeneration – Hebrews 10: 22-23***

**2. faith to be received by the sinless**

***“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace.”***

 ***Hebrews 4: 15-16a***

* + - ***Blessed Affirmation – 2 Corinthians 5:18***
		- ***Bold Approach – James 4:8***

**3. faith to reach for the solution**

***“…that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”***

 ***Hebrews 4: 16b***

* + - ***Forgiveness for Sin – 1 Peter 1:3***
		- ***Favor to Supply – Philippians 4:19***

**CONCLUSION**

***There is no stopping the power of prayer. There’s no stopping God from answering our prayers as our hearts reach up to Him and boldly approach His throne of grace. We can’t be discouraged by anything we’re facing today, because we walk by faith, not by sight. Our “Faith Time” means we have to hold on to Jesus and say “We’re not letting you go until we see Your promises fulfilled in our lives, our families, and our churches.” There’s no telling what God can do when His people pray. (adapted from a quote from Jim Cymbala in Life-Changing Prayer)***

**SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “ALL IN” FOR PRAYER?**

- Confess to God the ways you have based your understanding on prayer in the church on traditions rather than on the model of the biblical church.
- Pray for our church (which means each one of us) to be **“All In for Prayer”** as a core and central part of all we do as a community of faith.
- Thank God for specific answers to prayer that our church has experienced through our history and in recent days.
- Pray against the prayer-stopping and Spirit-quenching behaviors that can damage a local church (i.e., slander, gossip, unforgiveness, negative talk, and complaining).
-Ask God to unleash the practices and behaviors that can propel our church forward in unity and prayer.

Adapted from Jim Cymbala, Life Changing Prayer