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Pastor Roy's Sermon on Hebrews 4:1-16
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—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. The pastor firmly disagrees with the idea that the past defines us, grounding his position in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, which describes believers as new creations in Christ — in what ways do you find it difficult to fully release your past, and what practical steps can you take to live as though the old truly has passed away?
2. The Israelites in the wilderness received the same good news yet failed to enter God's rest because they did not unite what they heard with faith — how does your own life reflect the difference between merely hearing the Word of God and genuinely receiving it with transforming faith?
3. Hebrews 4:3 reminds us that God's works were finished from the foundation of the world, and Ephesians 1:4 speaks of being chosen in Christ before creation — how does the eternal nature of God's plan shape the way you understand your own salvation and sense of purpose?
4. The pastor describes three dimensions of God's rest — immediate spiritual rest, ongoing faith rest, and ultimate eternal rest — which of these dimensions do you find most difficult to fully embrace in your daily walk, and why?
5. Hebrews 4:7 echoes the urgency of the word 'Today,' warning against hardening your heart when you hear God's voice — what areas of your life might reflect a gradual hardening, and what would it look like to respond to God with full surrender right now?
6. The pastor draws a parallel between God resting after the work of creation and the believer resting after ceasing from self-righteous striving — how does the concept of entering God's rest challenge the way modern culture approaches achievement, productivity, and self-reliance?
7. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word of God as living, active, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart — can you recall a specific moment when Scripture cut through your defenses and revealed something true about your inner life that you had been avoiding?
8. Hebrews 4:13 declares that all of creation is naked and exposed before God, and Romans 14:12 reminds us that each person will give an account — how does the reality of full accountability before God motivate you to examine the intentions behind your everyday actions and decisions?
9. Jesus is described in Hebrews 4:15 as a High Priest who was tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin — how does the truth that Christ fully understands your struggles and weaknesses change the way you approach Him in prayer during seasons of temptation or failure?
10. Hebrews 4:16 invites believers to approach the throne of grace with confidence, expecting mercy and grace in times of need — what personal barriers, whether guilt, shame, or unbelief, prevent you from drawing near to God with that kind of boldness, and how might this passage speak directly to those barriers?