**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of June 29, 2025**

***“All in for Serving, Part 9: The Explanation” Romans 1: 8-16***

**INTRODUCTION: *We are on a journey - to focus on moving towards being the church God wants us to be. Our main theme has been “All In,” signifying the level of commitment we’d like to reach to honor God in all that we do. We have defined our commitment in three distinct areas: Prayer, Serving, and Community. We recently finished a study on being All In with Prayer, and now we look to what it means to be All In for Serving. Two weeks ago we looked at the EXPENSE OF SERVING, and today we look at the EXPLANATION OF SERVING.***

**1. Divine affirmation**

***“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness,…” Romans 1: 8-9a***

* + - ***Sacrifice and Transformation – Romans 12: 1-2***
    - ***Spirit and Truth – John 4:24***
    - ***Service and Transcendence – Romans 6: 22-23***

**2. Devoted Attitude**

***“’And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”’***

***Luke 14:27***

* + - ***Thankful, Prayerful – 2 Timothy 1:3***
    - ***Submissive – Romans 1:5***
    - ***Loving – 2 Corinthians 12:15***

**3. declared Action**

***“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. “***

***Romans 1: 11-12***

* + - ***Establishment – John 15-16***
    - ***Encouragement – Romans 15: 2-6***

**CONCLUSION**

***Paul served with his spirit. What did that mean? That meant that he was bold and eager to preach out of a great debt to God and because he desired fruit and all of this was born out of a thankful, concerned, willing, submissive, loving, humble heart. He was unashamed. And if you find in your life shame for the gospel of Christ and if I find in my heart shame for the gospel of Christ, it just reminds us of how far we are away from the heart of true spiritual service.* John MacArthur**