Introduction:

1. A Review: **“Let us” in Hebrews address our relationships in three ways:**
	1. **Our relationship to each other -**
	2. **Our relationship to our goal of heaven –**
	3. **Our relationship to our heavenly Father and Jesus.**
		1. “*Hold fast & Draw near*” (4:14-16; 10:22);
	4. ***“Since we have a great High Priest…”*** (4:14)
		1. **Why is our High Priest *“great”*?**
			1. He *“****passed through the heavens****”* & **sits** **at the right hand of God** for us.
			2. He *“****had to be made like His brethren****”* and thus is able to *“****come to (our) aid****” having been “****tempted… as we are, yet without sin****”.*
			3. **He is at God’s right hand to intercede for us** who **understands our needs**.
	5. ***“Let us hold fast our confession…”*** (cf., 3:6, 14)
	6. ***“Let draw near to the throne of grace…”*** (4:16)
		1. **God wants us *“near” (“cling to”)* to Him.**
		2. ***“Draw near to the throne of grace…”*** (Isaiah 6:1-4) Where our glorious and powerful Father reigns in great humility.
	7. ***“That we may receive mercy & find grace…”***
		1. **We *“receive mercy”…***
		2. **We *“find grace”…***
	8. ***“Mercy & grace… to help in time of need…”***
2. ***Our “times of need”.***
	1. **“*In time of need…”* What needs? Spiritual/physical?** Where is our emphasis? (3 John 2; Colossians 3:1-2)
	2. **God will bless us with “as much as (we) need”.** (Luke 11:8; Philippians 4:19)
	3. Though God knows, **He wants us to ask**. (Matthew 6:8)
	4. **Includes the needs of this life but is to focus on the spiritual.** (Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33)
	5. **Wants or needs?** (James 4:1-4)
	6. **Our role?** (Titus 3:14; Ephesians 4:28-29; Romans 12:13; Matthew 25:34-36)
3. ***“Times of need…* for ourselves*”***
	1. **For some, we can become blind to our times of need.** (Revelation 3:17-18)
	2. **Not popular to be considered, “*needy*”.** (Psalms 40:17; 70:5; 109:22, 31)
	3. **God wants us to “*need*” Him, depend on Him and trust Him**. (Deuteronomy 8:3;
	2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalms 31:14)
	4. **Bottom line?** Times of need must be all the time.
4. **Specific “*Times of Need”*** for ourselves:
	1. **For each need, is there something I need to do beyond praying about it?**
		1. **When we sin!** (Matthew 9:12; 18:23ff; 1 Peter 3:21; 1 Timothy 1:5; Acts 8:23-24)
		2. **When we are facing temptation!** (Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:10-13; James 1:13-15; Romans 13:13-14)
		3. **When we grow weary!** (Galatians 6:6-10; Hebrews 10:24; 1 Kings 19;
		Hebrews 12:3, 12; 2:1)
		4. **When we are just beginning our race**. (Acts 2:42; 11:21-26; 14:22;
		1 Thessalonians 3:5)
		5. **When open doors present themselves!** (Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3-6)
		6. **When I am having a hard timing doing what I know I should do…** (James 4:17)
		7. **In days of physical adversity (**Ecclesiastes 7:14; 2 Kings 20:1; 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 4:28; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Matthew 14:14; John 11:32ff)
		8. **Before it’s too late!**
		(Luke 13:24-26; 16:24-26; 2 Kings 20:3)
5. ***“Times of need”*** for others!
	1. **Temptation to be selfish regarding “times of need”.** We must consider others including our:
		1. **Brethren** (Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24; Romans 12:9-13; James 5:19; 2 Timothy 4:2)
		2. **Physical families**. (Ephesians 5:28-29; 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 5:8)
		3. **“The lost and dying world” -** (Matthew 28:18-20;
		1 Thessalonians 1:8)
6. **“*Times of need*” for God!**
	1. **Do we ever stop to consider what God needs?**
	2. **Someone to “stand in the gap”** (Ezekiel 22:30**)**
	3. **Workers…** (Matthew 9:37-38) who will be **useful to the Master**. (2 Timothy 2:21)
	4. **Those who won’t look back** (Luke 9:62) but keep focused on the prize. (Philippians 3:12-14)
	5. **People with tender hearts** who will recognize their sinfulness, repent and faithfully obey!
	6. **Anyone who will get back up** after they have fallen!