



Cornerstone
CHURCH

Follow Jesus by Being All In

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31 Days of Prayer in the Month of October

Day 5 – Jesus the Light of the World

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness...”
John 8:12 ESV

“Pray for His light to shine through our lives into our community.”

“Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all.”

Hudson Taylor

ALL IN Means Christ Above Everything

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.

Philippians 3:7-8 NLT

What are the things that we count as “gain” that might keep us from being ALL IN for Jesus?

ALL IN Means Embracing the Cross of Jesus

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NLT

Being ALL IN means we identify with the Cross of Jesus. We are dying to self, surrendering our pride and agenda, and living in His power.

“Lukewarm people call ‘radical’ what Jesus expected of all His followers.”

Francis Chan

“The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”

Carl Henry

“Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us — a crucified God — must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.”

John Piper

ALL IN Means Living for His Glory

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NLT

“When we come to Christ, we're no longer the most important person in the world to us; Christ is. Instead of living only for ourselves, we have a higher goal: to live for Jesus.”

Billy Graham

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ALL IN Means Daily Surrender

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23 NLT

“Christ demands first place. There’s no room on the throne of your heart for two gods.”

Billy Graham

ALL IN isn’t a one-time emotional decision—it is a daily posture of surrender, obedience, and trust.

- ALL IN with our hearts means loving Him above all
- ALL IN with our minds means treasuring His wisdom over the wisdom of the world
- ALL IN with our lives means living every day for His glory