

## ALL IN, Part 2: What

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Opening Video = "All In Intro 2018" (0:52)

Tonight we continue our new series by looking at WHAT being ALL IN is really all about. I want you to seriously consider if you are a casual Christian, a consumer Christian, or a committed Christian...

### I. Casual Christianity

#### a. Do Not Be An Oxymoron

- i. Oxymoron defined = "figure of speech that combines two normally contradictory terms. Oxymoron is a Greek term derived from oxy ("sharp") and moros ("dull"). Thus the word oxymoron is itself an oxymoron."
- ii. (pic on screen) Examples = Dry lake, Fuzzy logic, Living dead, Same difference, Once again, Stand down, Books on tape, Crash landing, Park drive, Loners club, Freezer burn, Tight slacks, Plastic glasses, Act naturally, Pretty ugly, Work party; AND Jumbo shrimp, followed by vegetarian meatballs, and for desert, grape nuts.
- iii. The WORST = "Casual Christianity"
  - 1. There is no such thing as a low-commitment version of our faith!

#### b. Be Willing To Be A Martyr

"In Russia, Christians are tested by hardship, but in America you are tested by freedom. And testing by freedom is much harder. Nobody pressures you about your religion. So you relax and are not so concentrated on Christ, on His teaching, how He wants you to live." (Pavel Poloz, recently exiled from Russia, Moody Monthly, April, 1989)



- i. Martyrs = those who die for their faith (like George)
- ii. (pic) George Atley was killed while serving with the Central African Mission. There were no witnesses, but the evidence indicates that Atley was confronted by a band of hostile tribesmen. He was carrying a fully loaded, 10-chamber Winchester rifle and had to choose either to shoot his attackers and run the risk of negating the work of the mission in that area, or not to defend himself and be killed. When his body was later found in a stream, it was evident that he had chosen the latter. Nearby lay his rifle -- all 10 chambers still loaded. He had made the supreme sacrifice, motivated by his burden for lost souls and his unswerving devotion to his Savior. With the apostle Paul, he wanted Christ to be magnified in his body, "whether by life or by death." (Daily Bread)
  - 1. No halfhearted thing!
  - 2. Would you be willing to die for your faith?
  - 3. Following Jesus = even to the Cross
  - 4. It is difficult, sacrifices need to be made to really follow Jesus
    - a. Can you give an example of sacrifices that teenagers may need to make to follow Jesus today? (Students share)

iii. Jesus does not ask all of us to die, but He does ask all of us to live for Him!

#### c. Be Willing To Dig Deep

- i. Let's be honest, if your Wednesday night or Sunday morning church attendance is really the only time you give a thought to God... that 1-2 hours out of 168 hours a week (about 1%).
- ii. You will rarely grow in your faith and really get to know God (who wants to know you deeply) at that rate. Will that casual kind of faith last? Like those shallow believers in Matthew's Gospel:

**Matthew 13:21** = "But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word." (NLT)

iii. So, maybe that's not you, maybe you want to be more involved in church or get to know God more, the next hurdle we have to overcome is...

### II. Consumer Christianity

#### a. Consumer Vs. Contributor

- i. Consumer Christianity = shopping around for a faith that suits us well... a little of this and a little of that.
- ii. Like a Golden Corral kind of faith (inconsistent)
- iii. When you come to church, are you a consumer (only taking, about what you can get out of this place), or are you a contributor (giving as well as receiving, looking for ways to serve)?

**b. Getting Vs. Giving**

- i. Like that famous quote from our former (beloved) president, John F. Kennedy: [\(pic on screen\)](#) "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."
- ii. Are you a spiritual leech (sucking the life out of a church/ministry) or are you a bumble bee (spreading the love and building up this place, providing)?

**c. Good Vs. Great**

- i. Coming to church is good, being the church (living out your faith every single day) is great!
- ii. Are you really going to settle for being just a lukewarm Christian (half there) or are you ready to live the great life of being ALL IN?

Video = "Committed" (Overflow Media Group, 1;40)

**III. Committed Christianity**

**a. Be A True Disciple**

- i. Martin Luther once said: "A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing."
- ii. Disciple = "learner, follower" = are you learning, are you following? Are you committed?
- iii. You don't have to be some amazing man/woman of God who has it all together to follow Jesus!
  - 1. Consider this letter that could have been written to Jesus about the 12 disciples:



[\(pic on screen\)](#) To: Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop, Nazareth 25922  
From: Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir: Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service, we make some general comments for your guidance, much as an auditor will include some general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation, and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely, Jordan Management Consultants (Tim Hansel, Eating Problems for Breakfast, Word Publishing, 1988, pp. 194-195).

**b. Be All In**

- i. Let me leave you with this thought: Thomas á Kempis = "Jesus has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of His cross".
  - 1. What do you think that means? [\(Students share\)](#)
- ii. Being "ALL IN" means being committed (more than a Wednesday night), being committed with ALL of your life (at school, work, home, activities, community, everywhere)!

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**Read:** "But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word." (Matthew 13:21, NLT)

**Review:** This evening we examined the difference between casual Christianity (those who want a low-commitment version of our faith), consumer Christianity (those shopping around for a faith that suits them), and committed Christianity (those who are ready to stand firm in the faith and go "all in").

**React:** Which one of these three best describes you and why? How can you become more like a "committed Christian"?



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#### b. Be Willing To Be A \_\_\_\_\_

- Would you be willing to die for your faith?
- Jesus does not ask all of us to die, but He does ask all of us to live for Him!

#### c. Be Willing To \_\_\_\_\_

- What % of your week is spent with God? = \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity

#### a. Consumer Vs. \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. Getting Vs. \_\_\_\_\_

- "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." (JFK)
- A leech or a bumble bee?

#### c. Good Vs. \_\_\_\_\_

- Are you going to settle for just being lukewarm?

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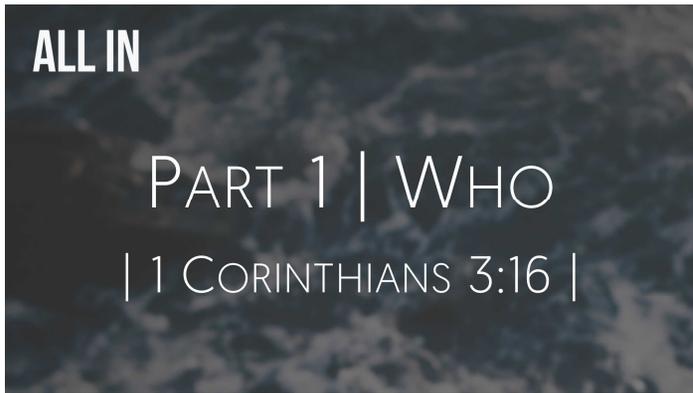
### III. \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity

#### a. Be A \_\_\_\_\_

- "A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." (Martin Luther)
- Disciple = Learner, Follower

#### b. Be \_\_\_\_\_

- "Jesus has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of His cross." (Thomas á Kempis)
- Being committed with ALL of your life!



## ALL IN, Part 1: Who

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, August 15, 2018

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(Macready pic on screen) There is a tale told of that great English actor Macready. An eminent preacher once said to him: "I wish you would explain to me something." "Well, what is it? I don't know that I can explain anything to a preacher."

"What is the reason for the difference between you and me? You are appearing before crowds night after night with fiction, and the crowds come wherever you go. I am preaching the essential and unchangeable truth, and I am not getting any crowd at all."

Macready's answer was this: "This is quite simple. I can tell you the difference between us. I present my fiction as though it were truth; you present your truth as though it were fiction." (G. Campbell Morgan, Preaching, p. 36)

(Intro pic on screen) Tonight, as we just began a new school year, we begin a new series about being ALL IN for Jesus. It is one thing to say you are a "Christian", it's another thing to be passionate and authentic in your faith. We are called to change the world... are you ready to be ALL IN?

### I. Before We Go All In

#### a. Defining This "All In" Series

- i. Before I ask you to go "all in" about something, let me help you understand what this looks like.
- ii. Over the next 5 weeks, we are going to examine:
  1. The who = who is God calling to live out LOUD for Him and how we are better together
  2. The what = we'll talk about the difference between casual Christianity, consumer



- Christianity, and committed (All In) Christianity
3. The where = we will figure out where God actually dwells and how that changes everything for living a committed life
  4. The when = we'll understand how living All In begins when we take off them old clothes
  5. & the how = we'll learn how to put on new clothes so we can actually make a difference in the world
- iii. So, the simple question we will ask each Wednesday night is... are you ready to go ALL IN? Really!?

#### b. Defining An "All In" Life

- i. But, more than a message series on Wednesday nights, what does it mean to really be All In?
- ii. I'm talking about being fully committed to God, sold out to Christ, for real in your faith. Living the life God intended for you to live as His child = All In!

(pic on screen) A couple weeks ago, I met a man with an interesting tattoo written across his bicep, though not in your typical tattoo green. "**But if not,**" I read aloud. When I asked what his tattoo meant, the man told me the phrase was from the Bible.

This is the story the tattooed man told me: King Nebuchadnezzar II reigned over Babylon from 605 BC- 562 BC. He conquered Judah and the city of Jerusalem, taking young Jewish men of noble or royal birth as captives. The book of Daniel tells the survival and incredible faith of four Jewish captives: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

In **Daniel 3**, Nebuchadnezzar decided to build an enormous 90-foot tall golden statue in modern day Iraq. He gathered all the important people in his empire and commanded them to fall down and worship the statue whenever they heard music. Soon, the beautiful melody of horns, harps, and pipes spread throughout the area. In response, people fell on their faces, hands outstretched in worship.

To Nebuchadnezzar's fury, a report was brought to his attention. Three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, refused to bend their knee and worship the gold statue. In a rage, the king commanded that the trio appear before him.

"Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not worship the golden image I have set up? When you hear the sound of music, fall down and worship the image that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And what god will deliver you out of my hands?"

The three men replied without hesitating, "O King, we don't need to answer you. Our God is able to deliver us from the burning fire, and he will



deliver us from your hand. **But if not**, we will still not bow down and worship the statue.”

Much faith and courage is crammed into those three tiny words, “But if not.” Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew the Sovereign Lord had the ability to rescue them from the king.

They had no doubt in God’s powerful might. But if God decided not to rescue them, they still possessed the courage and the faith to stand in their convictions.

I asked myself, when my prayers are answered with “But if not,” will I still continue to trust in God?

King Nebuchadnezzar grew so angry his face became mottled from rage. He ordered the fire to be stoked to seven times its usual heat. The extreme temperature of the flames killed the soldiers throwing in the faithful trio. The king looked into the fire and, to his utter surprise, saw four men walking around the furnace instead of three. The fourth man, he claimed, looked like the son of the gods.

He called out the three men. Not only did God protect them from a fiery death, but from the smell of smoke as well. King Nebuchadnezzar praised God, blessing the Lord who saved his faithful servants.

After the tattooed man finished his story, I noticed that “**But if not**” is spelled with eight letters, the same amount of letters in the word “faithful.” The trio’s faithfulness caused a prideful king to praise the Almighty name of the Lord of Hosts.

Although a tattoo isn’t on my To-Do list, I had to admit this would be a pretty cool one to receive. (<https://margaretfeinberg.com/what-does-being-sold-out-to-god-really-mean/>)

- iii. Would this describe you? If not, do you want it to?
- iv. Let’s check out our theme Scripture for tonight:

**1 Corinthians 3:16** = “Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?” (NLT)

## II. Who Has Gone All In For You?

### a. The Benefits Of An “All In” Life

- i. We can probably all think of people who care enough about us to give their lives for our safety... they are “all in” kind of friends.
- ii. But, Jesus is the ultimate example... by going all the way to the Cross and giving His life for yours!
- iii. Plus, one of the coolest things Jesus did for us was to leave His Spirit behind to guide us daily.
- iv. If you know Jesus... you have the Holy Spirit! But we still have questions about the Holy Spirit. Watch this:

Video = “Holy Spirit” (Princeton Alliance, 2:22)

### b. The Responsibilities Of An “All In” Life

- i. We are given new life in the Spirit... to live All In
- ii. But we were never intended to live this life alone, we need other believers. The Spirit’s presence is not just an individual experience, God works in community (God works in a variety of ways through a variety of people)
- iii. 1 Cor. 3:16 says “**all of you together**” = Fellowship of believers = essential to knowing God
- iv. When you fly solo... your independence and self-sufficiency... messes that up

## III. Are You Ready To Go All In?

### a. Dependence On Him

- i. Getting the most out of this Holy Spirit-filled life = need to be dependent on Him and interdependent on others
- ii. “Body of Christ” = spiritual gifts distributed among His people (not just one person alone)
- iii. We benefit from each other as we listen and learn from each other’s journeys. We need each other!

### b. Interdependence On Others

- iv. “The more we share in those experiences with others, the broader our own experience with Him becomes.” (Chris Tiegreen)
- v. So, what’s the “who” of being ALL IN? All of us, together!
  - 1. Seek fellowship = in church services, in small groups, in accountability, in spiritual friendships = to grow in God accurately!

If you are ready to go ALL IN (to make this school year great), stand with me!

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**Review:** We were reminded tonight that the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is not just an individual experience, it also includes our fellowship with other believers. We need each other because we are the body of Christ together. We must be dependent on God as we are interdependent on one another if we’re to be ALL IN.

**React:** How are you seeking fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ (at school, at church, and throughout our community)? Give examples of how others help you grow in your relationship with God?

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