

Jesus is All In for Us

Christianity is, and always has been, an All-In proposition.

Revelation 3:15-21 NLT

“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. ²¹ Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.”

Hebrews 1:1-4 NLT

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

Jesus went All-In for us, and He calls us to go All-In for Him.

Hebrews 2:1-4 NLT

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

The “truth we have heard” is the gospel of Jesus: God came to earth in the form of the man Jesus. He lived a perfect life and willingly went to the cross, offering His life in exchange for ours. He died and rose again on the third day, proving that He is the Son of God. Everyone who puts their faith in Him receives forgiveness, is made right with God, is given access to God’s Presence, and is given access to the blessing of living in His Kingdom.

Five Keys to Going All-In for Jesus

1) Remove the excuses from our lives.

- 2) Be intentional about creating margin in our lives for obedience.
- 3) Let the greatness of Jesus shift our expectations and our perspective.

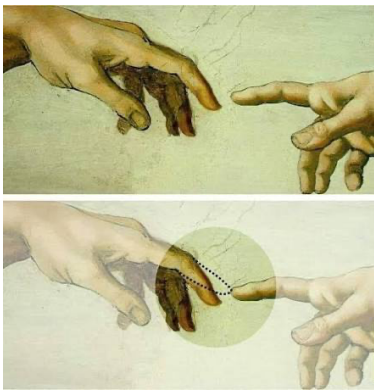
Matthew 5:3 NLT

“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”

We can get caught up in the grind of life and miss the bigger picture. The author of Hebrews encourages us to remember these truths:

- Jesus is the Son of God, not just a created messenger.
- Jesus radiates the glory of God, not just a giver of good advice.
- Jesus sustains all things, not just fixes what we break.
- Jesus is enthroned in authority; He’s our brother and friend, but He’s the boss too!

- 4) Treat identified neglect of the gospel like danger, not like a delay.



Drifting is a silent, insidious evaporation of God’s truth in our lives. In the Sistine Chapel ceiling, painted in fresco by Michelangelo, the man and God reaching out to one another. God’s finger is fully extended – this is grace. Man must but reach out and touch God.

- 5) Daily respond to Jesus’ All-In invitation with a recommitment to be All-In for Him.

Matthew 6:9-10 NLT

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Small Group Guide: Jesus Is All In for Us

Opening Question

When have you made a commitment that required you to be completely invested? What helped you stay committed when things became difficult or inconvenient?

One of the defining characteristics of biblical Christianity is that it is not a casual, halfway commitment. Before Jesus ever asked anything of us, He first went all in for us. Hebrews opens by declaring that Jesus is not merely a messenger from God, but the very Son of God, the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His character. Through Him, the universe was created, and through Him, all things are sustained. When humanity was separated from God by sin, Jesus willingly entered our world, lived the life we could not live, died the death we deserved, and rose again in victory. He held nothing back.

Because Jesus is all in for us, He calls us to respond with wholehearted devotion. This is the challenge behind His words to the church in Laodicea in Revelation 3. They were neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. Their comfort and self-sufficiency had produced spiritual indifference. Jesus' invitation was not condemnation but restoration: "I stand at the door and knock." He desired renewed fellowship with people who had drifted from wholehearted dependence on Him.

The author of Hebrews gives a similar warning. He urges believers to pay careful attention to the truth they have heard so they do not drift away. Notice that drifting is rarely intentional. Boats do not set out to drift; they simply stop paying attention to the current. In the same way, spiritual drift often happens gradually through neglect rather than rebellion. What begins as a missed prayer time, neglected Scripture reading, or delayed obedience can slowly create distance between us and God.

Going all in with Jesus is not about earning God's approval. His approval has already been secured through Christ. Rather, it is a response to the overwhelming reality of who Jesus is and what He has done. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is greater than any prophet, angel, leader, circumstance, or challenge. When we truly grasp His greatness, our priorities, expectations, and perspective begin to change.

Pastor Jimmy shared five practical keys for going all in:

- Remove the excuses from your life.
- Create intentional margin for obedience.
- Let the greatness of Jesus reshape your expectations and perspective.
- Treat neglect of the gospel like danger, not delay.
- Daily recommit yourself to Jesus' invitation to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Being all in is not a one-time emotional decision. It is a daily response to the One who gave everything for us. Jesus continues to invite us closer, asking us to trust Him, surrender more fully, and align our lives with His Kingdom. Every day presents a fresh opportunity to answer that invitation.

For Discussion

1. Hebrews warns believers not to drift away from the truth. Looking back on your own spiritual journey, what have been some of the subtle currents that can lead people to drift?
2. Hebrews presents Jesus as the Son of God, the radiance of God's glory, and the One who sustains all things. How does a bigger view of Jesus affect the way we approach our daily challenges and decisions?
3. What is one practical area where Jesus may be inviting you to move from partial commitment to full obedience?

Prayer

Father, thank You for being completely committed to us. Thank You for sending Jesus, who gave everything so that we could be forgiven, restored, and welcomed into Your family. Forgive us for the ways we become distracted, indifferent, or comfortable in our faith. Help us recognize areas where we have drifted and give us the courage to respond to Your invitation again. Jesus, remind us of Your greatness and Your love. Holy Spirit, help us remove excuses, create room for obedience, and follow You with wholehearted devotion. We choose today to be all in because You were first all in for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.