



# ALL IN FOR JESUS

A World Changing Invitation

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

– Joshua 24:14-15

Do we believe there is hope?

Do we believe that the world around us can change?

Do we believe in the power of Jesus?

What could it look like, as followers of Jesus, to fix our hearts and minds on God and say to the world: “We’re ALL IN for Jesus!”

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**NOV 6**

**WILL YOU VOTE FOR JESUS? (ALL SAINTS SUNDAY)**

**Luke 12:1-34**

Thousands of people begin to gather around Jesus, and he turns to his disciples and invites them to ponder: Are you committed to God's kingdom? Many say they are God's people, Jesus implies, but the way they live their lives tells another story. How do your actions, your use of resources, even what you worry about, reflect your relationship with God?

**How does your life reflect your commitment to following Jesus?**

**NOV 7-12**

Monday	Read Luke 12:1-7. What story are we telling about God and Christ by the way we live our lives?
Tuesday	Read Luke 12:8-12. Do you find it easy or hard to publicly acknowledge your faith, and why?
Wednesday	Read Luke 12:13-21. What do you think it means to be "rich toward God" (NIV)?
Thursday	Read Luke 12:22-34. What do you worry about, what do you fear, and what does Jesus teach will set us free from fear and worry?
Friday	Read Luke 12:35-48. How do we live a life "ready for service" (NIV)?
Saturday	Read Luke 12:49-59. Understanding that Jesus refers to fire that refines, how does the call of Jesus to stand against oppression, greed, exploitation, and other evils challenge today's relationships?

### ***CIRCLE Study Questions:***

1. What do you remember about the first time you voted?
2. Pastor Brian shared that we don't vote for Jesus at the ballot box. We vote with the way we live our daily lives. How do our lives reflect a commitment to God's kingdom?
3. Can one find peace and security in wealth and possessions? If so, how?  
If not, where can one find the peace, meaning, and joy we often say we desire?
4. What do you need to let go of to experience the peace Jesus offers?  
What would be a first step to letting go?
5. If Jesus were to come today, would we be ready?  
Would you be ready? Why or why not?

### ***FaithFit Challenge:***

This week, create a log and record how you spend your time and your money each day. At the end of the week, examine what the logs may or may not say about your priorities and your commitment to following Jesus.

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**NOV 13**

## **ALL IN FOR JESUS**

**Acts 17:1-9**

The earliest followers of Jesus could have hidden from persecution, but they didn't. They could have abandoned the mission of witnessing to the saving love of Jesus, but they didn't. They could have imploded and given up amid the divisions, the obstacles, and the opposition, but they didn't. They followed in the way of Jesus, they stood as witnesses, and they changed the world.

**You're invited to be ALL-IN for Jesus and change the world.**

**NOV 14-19**

Monday	Read Acts 17:1-5. Where should we be going today to share the love of Jesus?
Tuesday	Read Acts 17:6-9. What are the challenges today for the church?
Wednesday	Read Acts 17:10-15. How can searching the Scriptures with someone help them and help you to better know who Jesus is?
Thursday	Read Acts 17:16-34. What can we learn from Paul about meeting people where they are while addressing idols and introducing Jesus?
Friday	Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-12. What can keep us from losing heart when times are stressful and difficult?
Saturday	Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. What happens when you fix your eyes on Jesus and the eternal? What happens when you don't?

### ***CIRCLE Study Questions:***

1. Share a time in life when you were ready to give up on something or someone. What were you feeling and why? What pulled you through?
2. Pastor Brian shared that in times of trial, we get to choose whether we respond out of fear or with faith. What fears hold you back from living fully for Jesus?
3. The church exists today because the earliest followers were ALL-IN. They refused to give up on sharing the message of Jesus, no matter how difficult things were. What are the challenges we, as the church today, are facing?
4. In what ways are you ALL-IN for Jesus? In what ways are you not ALL-IN?
5. What is one step you could take in your life to move from fear to faith, toward being All-IN for Jesus?

### ***FaithFit Challenge:***

Take time this week to pray about what step God is inviting you to take to move toward being ALL-IN for Jesus. Share that step with a friend in faith or via the 2023 ALL-IN for Jesus Commitment Card as a way to help yourself be accountable to taking that step.

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NOV 20

LET'S KEEP MOVING

Ephesians 4:1-16

Eugene Peterson, in *The Message* paraphrase of the Bible, translates part of Ephesians 4:1 this way: "I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel." God has given all of us gifts. God has a role for each of us. To be a church that transforms the community around us, Paul invites us to get moving by putting our gifts into action!

**The body of Christ is most healthy when our gifts are in motion!**

NOV 21-26

Monday	Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What does a life "worthy of the calling" (NIV) of God look like?
Tuesday	Read Ephesians 4:7-11. What gifts has God given you?
Wednesday	Read Ephesians 4:12-13. How are you equipped for works of service to build up the body of Christ (NIV)?
Thursday	Read Ephesians 4:14-16. How can the analogy of the body help us understand what it means to be the church together?
Friday	Read Romans 12:3-5. What do you think Paul means when he says that each member of the church "belongs to all the others" (NIV)?
Saturday	Read Romans 12:6-8. What is the difference between using one's gifts to serve oneself and sharing one's gifts to serve God?

### ***CIRCLE Study Questions:***

1. Do you think of yourself as gifted? Why or why not?
2. What holds people back from using their gifts and talents to serve God?
3. Have you ever suffered from "gift envy", wishing you had the talent or ability of someone else? Do you think "gift envy" is a sin? Why or why not?
4. Do you think most people come to the church seeking something for themselves, or seeking to offer something to God? Why?
5. Pastor Brian shared that in a world where technology makes work more demanding, parents report being too busy to enjoy life, culture doesn't protect Sunday worship, and mobility and travel are more prevalent than ever, ministry will and must look different. What do you think?
6. What is the difference between going to church and being the church?

### ***FaithFit Challenge:***

Each day this week, repeat this short prayer:

"I am gifted. Thank you, God. Now may my gifts serve You."