

# 07/13/25 Message

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Part of Just Say..

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## Message: Just Say Amen

### Series: Just Say...

Just Say is a series on life and letting our message match our spirit.

A few weeks ago, we started this series called “Just Say...” and there’s this blank, because we’re exploring things God expects us to say, words that lead the way, guiding our actions, giving us an intentional direction to live our lives.

## Say Amen

*In the NT we see amen being used at the end when people give thanks. We see in Romans, Galatians, Philippians, 1 and 2 Timothy where Paul ends many of his letters by saying amen. We see it in Hebrews, 1 and 2 Peter, Jude, and Revelation. Throughout the Bible, when God is praised, you often hear amen following the praise (cf. Romans 1:25, 11:36; Galatians 1:5; 1 Timothy 1:17).*

—Pastor Chad

### **1 Chronicles 16:23-36 (NLT)**

23 Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

24 Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

25 Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

26 The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens!

27 Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling.

28 O nations of the world, recognize the LORD, recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.

29 Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and

come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.

30 Let all the earth tremble before him. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

32 Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

33 Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

35 Cry out, "Save us, O God of our salvation! Gather and rescue us from among the nations, so we can thank your holy name and rejoice and praise you."

36 Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people shouted "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

*When I look at this OT passage, it was in the midst of a community-wide celebration and worship after David brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem. Keep in mind, this is old covenant, so this meant God was present with His people in Jerusalem because the ark was there. It meant Jerusalem was officially the religious center and all was well in their world. The nation was united, and they were ready for their temple to be built in Jerusalem. What did they do? They had the super-bowl of worship experiences! I'm talking a praise-a-thon on steroids! They were in full on - give thanks to God - mode!*

*—Pastor Chad*

It ends with this declaration in:

**1 Chronicles 16:36 (NLT)**

Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people shouted "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

*And all the people did what? They shouted Amen! What did that mean? It meant they all agreed! It meant they all believed it! It confirmed an assurance of certainty and*

*truth! It's almost as if they were telling God, You said it and I believe it; You did it and I believe it; You are God and I believe it; I'm all in!*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **Amen Means...**

Amen means we agree and we confirm! Amen means we believe it to be true! Amen means God is faithful and reliable! Amen is a powerful declaration of belief, agreement, and trust in God and His Word!

- Let your amen mean, I AGREE and this is TRUE

There are many other “sides” to amen.

Instead of ending with it, how about starting with amen!

### ***Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)***

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

### ***Psalms 37:7 (NLT)***

Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry...

### ***Romans 12:1 (NLT)***

...Give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you... be a living and holy sacrifice... this is truly the way to worship him.

*If you truly believe passages like those, you want to approach God with a humility that defies the world around us. We live every single day with the advice to conquer, or be conquered; stand up for you; if you don't, no one else will. But all of that opposes the life of a believer and follower of Jesus. The Bible preaches from cover to cover we should approach God with a humbleness that only comes when we become nothing and He becomes our everything! The Bible says it this way – we become less, and He becomes more! With humility comes surrender. When I put me, myself, and I to*

*the side much less nail me, myself, and I to the cross so I decrease, and He increase, it is a complete surrender to God! I have to die so that I can live through Jesus. When I approach Him, I have to come to Him offering a sacrifice of praise through a spirit of surrender! My amen has to begin with surrender! When I do this, I'm not saying I agree, I'm saying I submit.*

*—Pastor Chad*

- Let your amen be a word of SURRENDER!

Amen is found in Deuteronomy 27 not once, but 12 times!  
Only 1 of those times is different from the rest – all the others just say... “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’”

V15 says, “And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen!’”

Do you realize, when you say amen, you are providing an answer to God?

God expects a response.

God expects an answer.

God deserves an answer.

*God wants to know our intentions! Then He wants us to do it! We call that living it out! Let your amen be an ANSWER to God!*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **Power of Amen**

*Should you say “Amen” when you agree with something being said about your God, something you wholeheartedly believe is true? Should you say “Amen” when surrendering to God’s will and direction in your life? As a word of surrender? Should you say “Amen” as an answer to God, either in advance of your prayers, after your prayers, when you hear a convicting message, when you feel God’s presence and His hand on your life? Reading the Bible makes it clear that in every language, amen is a powerful word of our faith! It’s as important as someone telling you, “I agree, I believe in you, I am with*

*you!" It's empowering, it's enduring, and if you read the words of Jesus - it's what He would do!*

*—Pastor Chad*

Sometimes, it's best to just say Amen!