

ALL IN- PART 2

“Burn the ships”

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This is the second week in our series ALL IN. Last week Pastor Lester began the series by preparing our hearts to go ALL IN as we follow Jesus. We defined going all in last week as surrendering completely to God's purpose.

He gave us several great truths to inform our thinking, two of those thoughts were that, There's a purpose, not a me purpose, it's a God purpose, Get gripped in his heart by something that gripped God's heart.

We wanted to get your mind thinking and your hearts ready last week. There weren't multiple action points from the sermon. There was one really, to simply put our hearts in place of surrender before the Lord. I want to warn you that going all in does require action steps, it requires change, it requires choosing, not necessarily in some dramatic emotional fashion either. Sometimes it's a quiet resolve, followed by consistent action.

1.) Followers of Jesus, who are ALL In, Burn Plan B

Mark Batterson in his book ALL IN the book opens with a compelling story.

“A century ago, a band of brave souls became known as one-way missionaries. They purchased single tickets to the mission field without the return half. And instead of suitcases, they packed their few earthly belongings into coffins. As they sailed out of port, they waved good-bye to everyone they loved, everything they knew. They knew they'd never return home.”

“A.W. Milne was one of those missionaries. He set sail for the New Hebrides in the south Pacific, knowing full well that the headhunters who lived there had martyred every missionary before him. Milne did not fear for his life, because he had already died to himself. His coffin was packed. For thirty-five years, he lived among that tribe and loved them. When he died, tribe members buried him in the middle of their village and inscribed this epitaph on his tombstone.”

“When he came there was no light, when he left there was no darkness”

Milne had burned plan B

“On February 19, 1519 the Spanish explorer Hernan Cortes set sail for Mexico with an entourage of 11 ships, 13 horses, 110 sailors, and 553 soldiers. The indigenous population upon his arrival was approximately five million. From purely

mathematical standpoint, the odds were stacked against him by a ratio of 7,541 to 1. Two previous expeditions had failed to even establish a settlement in the New world, yet Cortes conquered much of the south American continent. What Cortes is reported to have done after landing is an epic tale of mythical proportions. He issues an order that turned this mission into an all-or-nothing position: Burn the ships! As his crew watched their fleet of ships burn and sink, they came to terms with the fact that retreat was not an option.

“Nine time out of ten, failure is resorting to plan B when Plan A gets too risky, too costly, or too difficult. Thats why most people are living their plan B. they didn’t burn the ships. Plan A people don't’ have a plan B. They would rather crash and burn going after their God-ordained dreams than succeed at something else.” Mark Batterson

‘There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.’ Peter Drucker

Followers of Jesus, who are ALL In, Burn Plan B

Are you holding on to a plan B this morning?

2.) Followers of Jesus, who are all in, burn the baggage

If burning plan B means that from this day forward I only move forward

Then burning the baggage mean I refuse to carry weight, that God has not asked me to carry

Story about saving money for Mayleah’s future and God reassuring me that I didn’t have to do that, but that he would take care of it.

Achan

Joshua 6:16-19 (Read)

16 And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.

17 And the city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord [for destruction]; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18 But you, keep yourselves from the accursed and devoted things, lest when you have devoted it [to destruction], you take of the accursed thing, and so make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

Joshua 7:21 21 When I saw among the spoils an attractive mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.

Achan believed a lie that many of us believe

I think I can take this with me

God was giving him the promise land with land that would be his and his entire family for ever. it was everything they could ever want. but Achan had baggage.

He thought that he could get to where God was taking him, while carrying things God had told him not to carry

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What is your baggage this morning?

What is the extra weight that you carry that is stunting your progress, that is slowing you advancement. These aren't just sins that we must completely eliminate, they are many time good things that must be set aside for a season, or we must bring adjustment to their quantity.

3.) Followers of Jesus, Who are ALL IN, Burn Selfish Ambition

Burning the selfish ambition means that my motivation for succeeding in Christ calling is driven by obtaining the reward that he is offering

Philippians 3:10

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Close in Prayer