# **SEQUOIA NOTES**

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### **All In with My Walk**

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor October 20, 2019



Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up."

#### How do we live ALL IN with our walk?

#### • Fuel with Faith.

v. 1 "therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge cloud of witnesses..."

Hebrews 11:6 Amplified Bible (AMP) "But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him."

**Romans 10:17** 

## • Forgo things that Hinder our Relationship with Jesus.

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Romans 6:12-15 (NLT) "Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. <sup>14</sup> Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace."

"The best way to overcome the world is not with morality or self-discipline. Christians overcome the world by seeing the beauty and excellence of Christ. They overcome the world by seeing something more attractive than the world: Christ... The only way to dispossess [the heart] of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one." Thomas Chalmers

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#### • Finish Well.

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Big Idea: <u>Focus</u> your <u>faith</u> in Jesus and His <u>finished work</u> to be ALL IN with your walk.

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## All In with My Walk #4 of 4 — October 20, 2019

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week?
  Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?
- 3) Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and Hebrews 11:6. What does it look like for you to be "fueled by faith"? Why do you think the writer of Hebrews uses the image of a race for the life of faith? How do you relate to this?
- 4) What things are currently hindering your relationship with God? What changes would you need to make to "strip off every weight that slows you down"? What fears do you have about making these changes?
- 5) Read and reflect on Romans 6:12-15. What is this passage telling us about our relationship with sin? What are the implications of putting our faith in Christ and coming under His loving leadership? What does the "freedom of God's grace" mean for us?
- 6) Discuss the quote from Thomas Chalmers. Why does morality and self-discipline come up short in seeing life transformation? How does a greater affection for Jesus help us be ALL IN with our walk?
- 7) In what ways do you need to focus on Jesus as your Champion today? How does this help you persevere in your relationship with God? What action steps is God asking you to take today?



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