

ALL IN

"KNOW GOD"

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I. ALL IN SERIES

A. The History of the idiom "All In"

1. **Britain 1800's** meant exhausted or worn out. "I'm all in after that walk."
2. **USA 1900's** gambling to place all their money on one hand and risk it all.
3. **Today:** Absolute commitment to exhaustion and risk of all strength and resources.

B. Jesus left us a Command and a Commission that defines how to be "ALL IN" for Him.

1. **Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
2. **Great Command Luke 10:27** " ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your strength & with all your mind, & your neighbor as yourself."
3. **Lived out in the early church Acts 2:42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

C. Purpose Driving Church by Rick Warren (west coast-Saddleback Church)

1. **Evangelism:** "Go" **Fellowship** "Baptizing them" **Discipleship** "make disciples-teaching them to observe [obey]" **Ministry** "Love the Lord" **Worship** "Love your neighbor."
2. **Northeast Christian Church Purpose Statement:** We exist to help people "KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE, & MAKE A DIFFERENCE for Jesus.
3. "KNOW GOD, "Go" FIND FREEDOM, "Baptizing them" DISCOVER PURPOSE, "make disciples-teaching them to observe [obey]" & MAKE A DIFFERENCE for Jesus "Love God Love your neighbor"
4. **Humanity says:** "KNOW ME, FIND A PLATFORM DISCOVER FAME MAKE A DOLLAR

D. ALL IN WITH HIS PURPOSE

II. KNOW GOD

A. Mainstream Cultural Views about Knowing God

1. **Atheist, Agnostic, Deist, Higher Power, Christian.**
2. **Agnostic Greek Philosopher:** As to the gods, I have no means of Knowing that they exist or do not exist. Protagoras 485-410 BCE Not much different from today.
3. **Neil DeGrasse Tyson - Astrophysicist** "The problem is knowing enough about a subject to think you're right but not enough to know your wrong."
4. "It's one thing to know the Bible, it's another to know the author."

B. To know Jesus is to know God

1. Know God Know Jesus, No God, No Jesus.
2. **John 14:9** "Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
3. Verses that clearly show Jesus and the father are one in the same: John, 10:30; 14:9; 12:45; 8:19; 14:7 Matthew, 11:27; 28:18-20, Mark 2:5-7; 9:37, Luke 10:22; 8:8-9; 22:69.
4. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

C. The Biblical Meaning of the word "To Know" someone or something.

1. The Old Testament Hebrew concept lost in the New Testament Greek language.
 - a. **The Majority of the Bible is written in Hebrew.**

- b. In 250 B.C.E. Jewish people translated the Bible into the widest used language, Greek.
2. **The New Testament is entirely written in Greek** because that was the universal language (although there is evidence of Early Hebrew versions of the Gospels).¹
 - a. **Greek “To Know” ΓΙΝΩΣΚΩ** ‘gi know skO’ To know logical, deductive, knowledge based.
 - b. **Hebrew’s the same. However, “to know” often is an idiom of figure of speech**
3. **יָדָא** ‘yada’ Knowledge gained through experience, esp. seeing, hearing, encountering.² For example; **Genesis 4:1** “Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived...” The Greek Translation of the OT uses ΓΙΝΩΣΚΩ The Hebrew OT uses the word יָדָא as an idiomatic figure of speech.
4. “There is a difference between knowing about God vs. knowing God” **J.I. Packard**
5. “A little knowledge of God is worth more than a great deal of knowledge about God.”
6. “The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven’t yet come to the end of themselves. We’re still trying to give orders and interfering with God’s work within us.” **A.W. Tozer**

III. MOSES’ EXAMPLE HOW TO MOVE FROM KNOWING ABOUT GOD TO “KNOWING HIM”

A. The Three Phases

1. Knowing About God **Exodus 2:11-15** “Moses Kills an Egyptian Slave Master.”
2. Encountering God **Exodus 3:1-6** “Moses encounters God at the Burning Bush”
3. Knowing God Intimately by Knowing “His Ways” **Exodus 33:13-14** Moses prays to God, “Show me your ways that I might know you.”

IV. “ENCOUNTERING GOD” by Henry Blackaby, The Book Pastor Josiah said changed his life.

- A. “Many people have grown up attending church and hearing about God all their lives, but they do not have a personal, dynamic, growing relationship with God.”
- B. “You cannot stay where you are and go with God. You cannot continue doing things your way and accomplish God’s purpose in His ways. Your thinking cannot come close to God’s thoughts. For you to do the will of God, you must adjust your life to Him, His purposes, and His ways.”
- C. “Prayer is designed to adjust you to God’s will, not to adjust God to your will.”
- D. “God reveals Himself and His will to us through His Word, through prayer, through circumstances, & through the Church. We come to know Him by observing what He’s doing and joining Him in His work.”
- E. “Anything of spiritual significance that happens in your life will be a result of God’s activity in you. He is infinitely more concerned with your life & your relationship with Him than you or I could possibly be.”
- F. “Many people want God to call them to a big assignment. However, they try to bypass the love relationship...the love relationship is why God created you. That is far more important to Him than what you do. So, anticipate that God will start working with you and drawing you to an intimate love relationship that is real and personal. When the love relationship is right, God will be free to begin giving you assignments at His initiative. Whenever you do not seem to be receiving assignments from God, focus on the love relationship and stay there until the assignment comes.”
- G. “Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes— all the time! It must be that way, for God’s glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.”

IV. CLOSING

- A. **Imagine if we said AI and Robotics were created by a missile that landed in a junk yard.**
- B. God is and you might not know him, but he knows you! **Psalms 139:13-18, Jeremiah 1:5**
- C. **Exodus 33:13** “Show me your ways, that I might know you.”
- D. **Psalms 103:7** “He made His ways know to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.”

¹ See the Books “The Hebrew Gospel and the Development of the Synoptic Tradition” by James R. Edwards and “The Language Environment of First Century Judaea:” Jerusalem Studies in the Synoptic Gospels, Volume Two (Jewish and Christian Perspectives, 26) by Randall Buth & R. Stephen Notley.

² Willem VanGemeren, ed., *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology & Exegesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997), 410.

E. Philippians 3:8-10 “Know him in the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings.”