

“Going All In”

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT)

How do I go all in?

Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:37-38 (NLT)

Do a 180, Get Wet, & Get Power.

Why go all in?

Jesus was all-in

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.

Matthew 3:13-15 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

Jesus said go all in.

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)

It shows I’m all in.

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

Romans 6:4-6 (NLT)

Baptism is a Funeral & a New Birth.

When should I go all in?

As soon as you believe.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:29-38 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.'

Acts 22:16 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. If you had to describe yourself in 3 words what would they be?

2. Tell of a time in your life when you went "all in" on something?

At what moment did you go "all in" and how?

3. What do people wait for before they will go "all in" for God?

4. Re-Read Acts 2:37-38. When have you repented of a specific sin? How did you start to make a complete 180 in that area of your life?

5. Re-read Romans 6:4-6. How would you describe baptism to someone who is far from God?

6. Re-Read Acts 22:16. A new Christian asks you if they should be baptized, how would you respond?

What do some people struggle with before they are willing to go public in baptism?

7. What are you waiting for?