



All In - Week Four

“Invested”

Acts 5:1-11

We're All In When Our Best Intentions Are Equal To Our Actions

We're concluding our series on what it means to be “All In”

This series has helped us see more clearly how we can live an “all in” kind of life as we seek to follow Jesus together

Invited. Included. Involved. Invested.

Today we're going to be focusing on what it means to be Invested.

Andy Stanley—Direction, Not Intention determines Destination

It's Simple Geometry - A lesson some of my youth group members learned

All of our good intentions will play second fiddle to our actions; flight from LAX to New York (3.5 degrees south—end up in DC)

I'm preaching a sermon today from a passage that you kind of never preach on when it comes to generosity—but it speaks directly to this:

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There's a lot to unpack in this story—and it all comes back to intentions

- The key word at the beginning speaks to contrast: “But...”.*
- Big Question: Did this really happen? Did God really do this?*
- The book of Acts is essentially a retelling of the story of the people of God*
- The story of Achan in Joshua—chapter 7; “holding back” and pretending*
- This story was obviously widely told, and Luke fits it within the narrative*
- Ananias and Sapphira's intentions did not match their actions—incongruent*

God's not satisfied with cursory, symbolic gestures. God wants our inside to match our outside—both acting as an expression of generosity.

Two Questions To Ask When It Comes To Being Invested

- What can I possibly give to the One who has given me everything?*
- How can my best intentions be expressed by my actions?*

Your direction is going to determine your destination—the next step you take is vital—make sure it's a good one.

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Andy Stanley

Your Invited: The Art And Science of Connection, Trust and Belonging
Jon Levy

The Art of Gathering
Priya Parker

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