

All In – 1 (With All Our Heart)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it **ALL IN** the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
~ Colossians 3:17

We are embarking on a generosity journey with Jesus to achieve what we believe is our three God-given objectives:

- Increase Capacity
- Engage the Community
- Fuel Outreach

Our Big Goal – 100% Participation

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your **heart**...”
~ Matthew 22:37

According to Jesus, the most amazing, remarkable, greatest thing you can do with your heart is to give it fully to God. **Be all in!**

We will track the story of a king named Amaziah. We can discern how he went from being all in, to somewhat in, to barely in, to not in at all. A lot of us can identify with one of the stages of his life.

Stage One – Amaziah started off great! (All In)

Yet he did not put their children to death, but acted in accordance with what is written in the Law, in the Book of Moses
~ 2 Chronicles 25:4

Amaziah started off well. But then he moved to stage two.

Stage Two – “Small” compromises (Somewhat In)

Amaziah asked the man of God, “But what about the hundred talents I paid for these Israelite troops?”
~ 2 Chronicles 25:9

Amaziah starts doing a financial calculation of what will it mean to trust God with all his heart. A life that is somewhat in, a life that starts making small compromises doesn’t remain there for long. It often leads to a third stage. And we see this in Amaziah’s life.

Stage Three – Major Drift (Barely In)

“Stop!”
~ 2 Chronicles 25:16

The prophet brought God’s word to him, but Amaziah says stop! He doesn’t want to listen. It is painful to read the rest of Amaziah’s story. Amaziah enters stage four of his life.

Stage Four – A Life of Insignificance (Not In At All)

Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah lived for fifteen years
~ 2 Chronicles 25:25

What happened in Stage Four of Amaziah’s life? Nothing! We don’t hear anything about the second half of Amaziah’s reign. He lived in seclusion and fear. Fifteen years of insignificance and irrelevance until he was assassinated (2 Chronicles 25:27).

I hope we all walk out of here with hearts and minds resolved not to seek a safe, easy, reassuring spiritual path from this life to the next. But that each of us will resolve to be a more thoughtful, reflective, urgent, egalitarian, globally-active, culturally-engaged, Jesus-centered disciple whose life is characterized as courageous, innovative, bold, risk-taking, and soaked in prayer.

Two asks:

1. Would you commit to praying? Pray for continued unity in our church. All of our leadership circles—elders, trustees, and staff are all in and behind this vision. Pray for every heart in our community to be all in with Christ.
2. Would you make a commitment to make a commitment to follow God’s heart for our future and what that means for you as an individual or family?