

ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended

Our Purpose

Acts 4:23-31

Weekly Takeaway:

ALL IN begins when God's mission becomes our mission.

Day 1

We Were Never Meant to Do This Alone

Scripture: Acts 4:23–24a

Insight

Peter and John had faced intense opposition for telling people about Jesus. They were threatened and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name. When released, they immediately returned to the other believers. They understood that God's mission was never meant to be carried out alone. The church didn't just listen to their report. They prayed, "lifting their voices together." Peter and John had stood before the religious leaders, but the entire church was invested in what God was doing. They were ALL IN.

Application

It is easy to think of church only by what we receive - worship, teaching, friendships, and ministries that meet our needs. But Jesus invites us into something bigger. We aren't people who attend the church. We are the church. God has placed us together to continue the mission of Jesus wherever He has placed us. Every follower of Jesus has a part to play. Being **ALL IN** begins when we stop asking only, "What can my church do for me?" and begin asking, "How can God use me through His church to accomplish His mission?" **ALL IN** begins when God's mission becomes our mission.

Checkpoint

Connect - choosing authentic community over isolated faith.

When Peter and John faced opposition, they returned to their community. Being **ALL IN** means recognizing that we need one another - not only for encouragement, but to accomplish the mission Jesus has given us together.

Prayer

God, thank You for allowing me to be part of Your church and Your mission. Help me see that following Jesus is about more than what I receive. Show me the part You want me to play through Your church. Make Your mission my mission. Amen.

Day 2

Remember Whose Mission It Is

Scripture: Acts 4:24–26

Insight

The believers heard threats against Peter and John. Rather than focus on their problem, they focused on their God: “O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth.” Quoting Psalm 2, they remembered that opposition to God’s purposes was nothing new. Rulers and nations had resisted God before, but none could prevent Him from accomplishing His purposes. The mission did not originate with them or the church. It was God’s mission. They were joining Him in what He was doing. Being **ALL IN** doesn’t mean believing everything depends on us. It means trusting that God is at work and willingly giving ourselves to His mission.

Application

We can make faith about God’s involvement in our plans - our family, career, problems, dreams, and future. But following Jesus turns the question around. Instead of asking, “God, what will You do for me?” we ask, “God, what are You doing, and how can I be part of it?” Look at the people and places around you - your neighborhood, workplace, family, church, and community. What might God already be doing there? **ALL IN** begins when God’s mission becomes our mission.

Checkpoint

Gather - centering your life around God’s presence and God’s people.

Faced with uncertainty, the believers gathered and turned their attention toward God. Gathering with God’s people re-centers us on who God is and reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

Prayer

Sovereign God, remind me that this is Your mission before it is mine. Help me see where You are working and join You. I don’t want to ask You merely to bless my plans. I want my life to become part of Your purposes. Amen.

Day 3

His Purpose Cannot Be Stopped

Scripture: Acts 4:27–28

Insight

The believers remembered the opposition Jesus faced. Herod, Pilate, the Gentiles, and Israel appeared to take control and bring His mission to an end. But that wasn’t the whole story. The cross looked like defeat, but it unfolded within God’s sovereign purpose and accomplished salvation. What appeared to end Jesus’ mission moved it forward. This gave the church confidence: opposition couldn’t stop God’s purposes through Jesus or through His church. The believers weren’t **ALL IN** because they expected life to be easy. They were **ALL IN** because God’s purposes were bigger than their circumstances.

Application

Sometimes we assume that if God is leading us, everything should go smoothly. But obstacles don’t mean we

are outside His will. You may invite and hear no, serve with no visible impact, pray without seeing change, or give while wondering whether it matters. Don't confuse what you can see with everything God is doing. Being **ALL IN** means participating in God's mission even when results aren't visible. Our responsibility is faithfulness; God is responsible for the outcome. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep inviting. Keep giving. Keep following. **ALL IN** begins when God's mission becomes our mission - even when it becomes difficult.

Checkpoint

Invite - leading others to experience the hope and grace of Jesus.

Inviting others to experience Jesus does not always produce immediate results. Being **ALL IN** means faithfully praying, reaching out, and creating opportunities for others to encounter Jesus while trusting God with the outcome.

Prayer

God, help me trust Your purposes when I cannot see what You are doing. Keep me from measuring faithfulness by immediate results. Give me perseverance to keep following, serving, giving, and inviting. I want to be **ALL IN** with what You are doing. Amen.

Day 4

Pray for Boldness, Not Comfort

Scripture: Acts 4:29–30

Insight

The believers brought their situation before God: "And now, O Lord, hear their threats." Surprisingly, they didn't ask God to stop the threats or make life easier. Instead, they prayed, "Give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word." Their circumstances were difficult, but their greatest concern wasn't comfort. It was the mission. Jesus entrusted them to tell others, and opposition hadn't changed the assignment. Instead of asking God to change the mission, they asked for boldness to continue it. That is an **ALL IN** prayer: "God, give me whatever I need to do whatever You have called me to do."

Application

Consider the difference between these prayers: "God, make my life easier," or "God, make my life useful." There is nothing wrong with asking God for help. But when His mission becomes our mission, our prayers change. We pray for courage to speak, opportunities to invite, eyes for those needing compassion, willingness to serve, and boldness to take the next step. Being **ALL IN** doesn't mean you never feel afraid. It means God's mission matters enough that fear and comfort don't get the final word. **ALL IN** begins when God's mission becomes our mission.

Checkpoint

Invite - Leading others to experience the hope and grace of Jesus.

They asked for boldness to keep telling people about Jesus. Being **ALL IN** means moving beyond fear so others can experience Christ's hope and grace.

Prayer

God, give me boldness to live for Your purposes. Don't let comfort or fear keep me from participating in what You are doing. Open my eyes and give me courage to respond. Use my life to help others experience Jesus. Amen.

Day 5

Filled to Live the Mission

Scripture: Acts 4:31

Insight

The believers prayed and God responded. “After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” Then “they preached the word of God with boldness.” Notice the word all. The mission wasn’t reserved for Peter and John or leaders. The church prayed together, they were all filled, and they continued God’s mission. God didn’t remove the opposition. He empowered His people to move forward despite it. This picture defines the early church. Jesus had come to seek and save the lost, then entrusted His followers with continuing that mission. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they committed to carrying it forward together. They were **ALL IN**.

Application

That mission continues today and belongs to all of us - not only pastors, missionaries, or ministry leaders. Imagine a church where everyone participated. Where we prayed, served, gave, invited, loved, and shared Jesus together. Being **ALL IN** means everyone does something, offering what God has given them for His purposes. The question is personal: “Has God’s mission become my mission?” **ALL IN** begins when God’s mission becomes our mission.

Checkpoint

Serve - choosing compassionate action over personal convenience.

God didn’t fill the believers merely to give them an experience. He empowered them for His mission. Being **ALL IN** means letting God use us to meet needs, love people, and advance His mission even when it costs us.

Prayer

God, fill me with Your Spirit and use me for Your purposes. Show me where I can invite, encourage, and share Jesus. I want to participate in what You are doing. Help me live **ALL IN**. Amen.