



Big Idea: Our purpose together is an “all in” proposition.

Joshua 7

-- v.1 – **The behind the scenes story of an unknown, ordinary Israelite.**

-- We are inextricably **Connected** to and accountable to one another (1 Corinthians 12:25-27).

-- If you are not all in for Christ, you harm your church family.

-- v. 2-5 – **The Israelites got routed because they weren’t all in for the glory of God.**

-- v. 6-10 – **Winning is a total waste of time and a disgrace to God.**

-- v. 11-13 – **In order to win, ditch the **Sin** , and go all in!**

-- v. 13 – We are called to devote everything to God (Romans 12:1, Matthew 22:37).

-- Everything we are and everything we have as God’s people is meant to be entirely devoted to Him and His glory.

-- To accomplish God’s purposes for us, everyone has to be **All In.**

-- The church is not primarily somewhere you go or something you do. The church is first and foremost something you are.

-- A half-hearted involvement in **Church** indicates half-hearted commitment to Christ.

-- This body of Christ rises and falls with your faithfulness.

-- Be all in for **Reaching Out (1 Thessalonians 2:8).**

-- **Statement** – “Reaching out” means that we joyfully serve others for the glory of God. God’s all-sufficient grace is growing in us a sincere love for all people, especially for the people of this community. And because people are so dear to us, we are delighted to share with them not only the Gospel of Jesus Christ but our very lives as well.

-- **Be all in for *Welcoming In* (John 13:34-35).**

-- **Statement** – “Welcoming in” means that we love each other deeply. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are experiencing God’s matchless love, and we know that God wants us to do our best to love each other in the same way that Jesus loves us. In fact, our purpose is to love one another with such sincere, Christlike love that everyone will be able to see that we really are God’s people.

-- **Be all in for *Building Up* (Ephesians 4:22-24).**

-- **Statement** – “Building up” means that, with His help, we strive to become the people that God created us to be. Not only has God saved us from our sins, but He also gives us the power to change. He has given us the gifts of the Bible and the Holy Spirit so that we can put off our old sinful selves and be made more like Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to join together to learn from God’s Word and grow in His amazing grace.

-- **Be all in for *Sending Forth* (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).**

-- **Statement** – “Sending forth means that we humbly, yet boldly, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. God is making it our great passion to tell others about our glorious Lord, both in this community and in places all around the world. With His help, our purpose is to speak the Gospel with kindness and serve others with love so that everyone will have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

-- **Be all in for *For the Glory of God* (1 Corinthians 10:31).**

-- **Statement** – “For the glory of God” means that in all things we seek to glorify God and exalt His name. Because we exist to worship God and because He alone is so perfectly worthy of all praise, our purpose is to make worshipping Him the motivation for all that we are and all that we do.

-- **Jim Elliott** – *“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”*