



## ALL IN Week 2 | Saying Yes

### | KEY THOUGHTS

- Our tagline is “**We help people say ‘Yes’ to Jesus**” —that is, saying “yes” to His leadership over our lives.
  - It’s a way of living, how we navigate life, our view of eternity.
- **When we genuinely and legitimately say “yes” to Jesus, it transforms our lives;** we are no longer who we used to be, nor who we would be without Him.
- **Jesus is in command;** He has all authority; no one and nothing is on his level, but all are beneath him.
  - When He said “all power on heaven and on earth is mine,” He was saying, “I am God.” His death and resurrection also demonstrate His deity.
- Everything Jesus said and did was under the Father’s leadership, because the Father asked Him to. **All authority in heaven and earth is given to Him because only He could be entrusted with it.**
- Jesus’ disciples went into the world as He commanded, and no race, ethnicity, religion, or political position was a barrier to extending the invitation for others to follow Jesus.
- Jesus sent His disciples to teach others to know and obey His commandments; not just to know them (simply information) but **to obey them (life change)**.
- Becoming a disciple of Jesus is not a superficial response, but a supernatural transformation; I am no longer in charge of my life, but I’m totally committed to Jesus as the supreme authority of my life.
- God knows we need help in navigating this, so He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us with the inside changes (change of heart, attitude, perspectives) and the church family to help with the outside changes (how to follow and obey Jesus).

## | SCRIPTURE

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

**John 10:17-18 (ESV)**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**James 1:22 (ESV)**

But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.

**1 John 2:5 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> ...then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

**2 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)**

## | PRACTICAL

- We can expect certain outcomes when we genuinely say “Yes” to Jesus:
  - **FAITH:** Experiencing forgiveness and new life that only comes through genuine FAITH in Jesus as Forgiver and Leader;
  - **HEAR:** HEARing God’s voice through the Bible, through prayer, and through other growing disciples;
  - **GRACE:** Throwing down the guilt of religion and enjoying God’s GRACE;
  - **GROWTH:** Taking steps of real and meaningful spiritual GROWTH as the Holy Spirit transforms your life;
  - **GIFTS:** Discovering your spiritual GIFTS and using them in serving others;
  - **RESCUE:** Joining God in His mission to RESCUE people from sin and death.
- Make the decision to reflect and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal...
  - Where am I refusing to obey Jesus? Repent of your sin, stubbornness, fear, or ignorance, and ask the Holy Spirit to transform your mind.
  - How am I saying “yes” to Jesus? Celebrate that, and thank Him for His empowerment.

## | REFLECT

- Who is in command of my life? Is it me, or Jesus?
- Do I despise authority? Do I chafe under the idea of God having authority over my life?
- Consider that Jesus could have said “no” to me because of my sin. But instead, He said, “Yes” to the cross, so that I could have the opportunity to say “yes” to Him.
- What would life look like if I really said “yes” to Jesus? What might it be like to experience freedom from sin, from holding grudges, from anger, greed, and the desire to manipulate others?
- What might happen if I started hearing God speak, and I saw God using me in His mission to rescue others?

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