

# Study Guide: 9-28-25 Adjustments - Which One Are You

## Overview

This message discusses a spiritual "push" in the world where God is drawing people to Himself, referencing a global awakening to faith. It categorizes people's relationship with God into three states: **All In**, **Half In**, or **Far from God**. The goal is self-reflection and response to God's call, emphasizing the need for full commitment amid a ripening harvest (Revelation 14). Key scriptures: Malachi 4:5-6, Isaiah 43:19.

## Key Themes

- **Spiritual Awakening:** A shift in the last two weeks (post-September 10, 2025), with mass conversions (e.g., Charlie Kirk's memorial event) and people abandoning sin for repentance and godliness.
- **Recognition and Response:** Feel the "holy stirring"? Recognize it and respond by going "all in" with Jesus.
- **Discipleship vs. Evangelism:** Most sermons focus on growth, but this calls for evaluation and action.
- **Need for Jesus:** Culture, hobbies, or drugs won't fix inner issues—only a relationship with Christ.

## Main Points: Where Do You Stand?

The sermon challenges listeners to identify their position and adjust.

1. **All In** (Fully Committed)
  - Description: Deep relationship with Jesus; living in righteousness, discipline, and intimacy.
  - Challenge: Avoid complacency. Don't just receive (be "fed")—serve and exercise gifts to avoid spiritual "obesity" (analogy: Fat Harvey, a 30-lb cat with 57,000 Instagram followers).
  - Scriptures:
    - Ephesians 5:25: Christ loved and died for the church; love what Jesus loves.
    - Romans 6:13: Surrender your body as an instrument for God's glory.
  - Action: Serve (visit [www.freedomdl.com/serve](http://www.freedomdl.com/serve)). Intercede in prayer for others.
  - Analogy: Don't stay on the bench—heal if needed, then engage (e.g., story of Tony healing before leading worship).
2. **Half In** (Lukewarm)
  - Description: Partial commitment; Christianity only when convenient. Leads to no fruit; "half in is all the way out."
  - Warning: Partial obedience = disobedience. Culture quenches fire; effort needed to "heat up."
  - Scriptures:
    - Revelation 3:14-19: Jesus spews out lukewarm (insipid) believers. Buy refined gold, white garments, eye ointment; turn from indifference.
    - Matthew 3:11-12: Baptized with Holy Spirit and fire; separate chaff from wheat.
  - Historical Context: Laodicea's tepid water (from hot springs in Hierapolis and cold in Colossae) mirrors spiritual apathy—useful for nothing.

- Examples: Excitement for passionate figures like Charlie Kirk or Philip Anthony Mitchell at 2819 Church, as we admire top effort in athletes/artists.
  - Action: Stoke the fire through Word, prayer, community. Pray: "God, stir the fire within me." Abandon world love; commit fully.
3. **Far from God** (Distant or Lost)
- Description: Never heard the gospel, family influence, hurt by church, or lost hope. Feel a "heart burning" drawing you back.
  - Hope: Like the Prodigal Son—God scans the horizon, runs to you with love, outruns judgment.
  - Scriptures:
    - Luke 15:11-32 (Parable of the Prodigal Son): Squandered inheritance on wild living; realized need, resolved to return, received with open arms (no groveling needed).
    - Romans 3:23: All have sinned and fallen short.
  - Key Insights: Sin is fun for a season but leads to "pig slop." Father's love restores (robe, ring, feast). Process: Realization (sin's state), Resolution (turn around), Return (step back to God).
  - Action: Realize need, resolve courage, return home. You're not a "prodigal" to God—always a son/daughter.

## Reflection Questions

1. Which category are you in: All In, Half In, or Far from God? Why?
2. What "fire" has waned in your life, and how can you stoke it (e.g., prayer, service)?
3. Like the Prodigal, what realization/resolution/return steps do you need?
4. How does Philippians 3:8 ("Everything else is worthless compared to knowing Christ") apply to your priorities?

## Application

- **All In:** Serve and pray for others.
- **Half In:** Repent, fan the flame—go all in.
- **Far Away:** Turn around, receive Christ despite past/pain/doubt. Don't miss the "ark."
- **General:** Respond today—altar call for repentance, recommitment, or fire-stirring. God's job: Restoration. Your job: Responding.