

All In! CELEBRATION

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Introduction:

This week as we begin a new year here at Grace, we want to reflect on 2025 and everything that God did in 2025 through all of you. This week we celebrate 'All In' from the past year!

Do you ever wonder if what you do as ministry is worth it? Is it making a difference? This week we'll take a look back @ being 'All In' for 2025, and see that there is a lot that we are doing that's making a difference and a lot that we have to be thankful for.

Questions:

1. Matt talked about a lot of numbers from 2025 that we tracked here at Grace, what was the most surprising number that he mentioned?
2. As we look back on 2025, Matt said that our success was '**because of you**', what was your involvement in the ministries at Grace this past year? Whether you were involved or not, what could God be calling you to do in 2026? 1

Thessalonians 3:5-9; Philippians 1:3

3. If all of our success at Grace is '**really because of Jesus**', how can that empower you to take on any/all challenges trusting that He will provide whatever you need to complete His plans?
4. Would you agree that sometimes we just need to stop and say '**thank you to God**'? Do you have an attitude of thankfulness? Are you as grateful as you should be? Do you still have things to learn about gratitude ?

5. What does it mean when Matt says '**Gratitude is the only way in and the only way out**'? How do you approach God's presence? How can gratitude, thanksgiving & praise be the keys to open gates & doors for you to get into God's presence? Do you praise Him in the storm, do you thank Him even in the darkness? **Psalm 100:4-5; Acts 16:22-26**
6. Do you agree that '**gratitude begins where my sense of entitlement ends**'? Do you feel like because of all you do God should bless your life? Do you recognize that 'when our sense of entitlement is really high, our sense of gratitude is really low, and when our sense of entitlement is really low, our sense of gratitude will be really high'? How's your sense of entitlement?
7. Do you regularly '**Praise God for all of His benefits**'? What are some of the benefits that you enjoy that you need to stop and praise God for right now?
Psalm 103:2-5

Key takeaway: God is doing miraculous things. Never take that for granted. Let's decide today, that we're going to live in thanksgiving & gratitude, that we get the privilege to join God in His work. After being 'ALL IN' for 2025, are you ready in 2026 to be 'ALL OUT'?

Summary:

- 2026 metrics @ Grace:
 - 520 new people engaged in ministry @ Grace
 - 278 people put their faith in Jesus
 - 128 people were baptized
 - 129 people took a step and became members of Grace
 - 438 people became involved with a small group
 - 1,200 volunteer hours per week, 62,400 hours per year
 - We exceeded annual budget by over \$200,000
- It's because of you
- It's really because of Jesus
- Sometimes we just need to stop and say Thank you to God
- Gratitude is the only way in and the only way out
- Gratitude begins where my sense of entitlement ends
- Praise God for all His benefits