

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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A NEW ASSIGNMENT SERIES

"I Gave it My All"

2 Tim 4: 6 - 8

- **No Reserves**
 - **No Retreats**
 - **No Regrets**
 - **My Time is Running Out.**
 - **My Best was Offered Up.**
I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the race.
I have kept the faith.
 - **My Rewards are Coming Down.**
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- Read Matthew 10:37-39, Matthew 16:24-26, Deuteronomy 6:5, James 1:21. What do these verses impliedly and explicitly suggest to us about surrendering and sacrificing everything to God? Share individually how difficult surrendering can be. What areas have you struggled surrendering to God? (time, family, work, money, possessions, friends, plans, ideas, your character, your disposition, your conversations, your thoughts, position or power?) Share how you have surrendered to God, by his strength, and are learning to choose him over all else.
- Read Genesis 22:1-2. God tests our faith in order to grow our faith muscles. We must understand that God doesn't test us for him to see if we trust him, but so that we may see if we trust him. Our tests expose either our fear or our faith. Giving God our all is challenging because we often allow fear to rule where faith should reign. In Gen. 22:1-2, what is God asking of Abraham in these verses? Why is it so significant that he is asking Abraham to offer 'the son of promise?' How have you discovered that there are risks that must be taken to follow God's will? Read 22:3, 6-14. How does Abraham respond to the grueling request that God has made? How do you respond when God shares with you something that he would like for you to surrender to him that is precious to you? How do we see in Genesis 22 that giving God our all not only has risks, but also has rewards? Do you sense that God is rewarding you or has rewarded you for your obedience and sacrifice in an area? How?
- Read 1 Peter 5:7. Discuss how our anxieties often keep us from giving God our best? God wants us to give Him all of our concerns and all of our worries. The word surrender means "to yield up, transmit, and entrust." Discuss how yielding, transmitting and entrusting must be a daily discipline in order to please the Lord. Name an area of life that you believe the Holy Spirit has revealed to you tonight that you should render to him. Read John 15:8. What does bearing fruit have to do with giving God our all? Read James 3:11. How can we guard ourselves from being "double minded," carnal or spiritual two faced? Read I Cor. 15:31, Mat. 27:50. How do we "die daily?" How is Jesus' death on the cross the best portrait of sacrifice and the greatest example of giving one's 'all?'"
- Two popular songs, one contemporary song and one classic hymn reflect the type of allegiance that God desires from each of us. Take a moment and consider these words, "All to Jesus, I surrender all to him I freely give...I will ever love and trust him in his presence daily live...I surrender all." Now, consider these words, "Lord, I am longing to see your desires in me, I give myself, I give myself to you." Pray that God will empower us to give our hearts, minds and wills to him each day. Pray for one another to give God their very best as they strive to live with excellence. Choose God's plans over your own. Entitlement and arrogance are the enemies of obedience.