

Gian Paul Gonzalez

During the New York Giants' 2011 Super Bowl run, much of their inspiration is attributed to Gian Paul Gonzalez. Prior to the Giant's Christmas Eve game with the NY Jets, Gonzalez delivered the now famous "ALL IN" rally cry message during the Giants' chapel service and is now widely recognized as having inspired the New York Giants to their Super Bowl victory. He has been featured on ESPN, Fox News and CNN. He has traveled across the nation as a motivational speaker for the NBA's Portland Trailblazers, at West Point Military Academy, as well as to many other corporate, athletic, government agencies, and educational institutions.



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Biography

Gian Paul Gonzalez was asked to lead a chapel service for members of the New York Giants team the night before the team's Christmas Eve 2011 game against the New York Jets. There was little hope then that the team would make it to the playoffs.

To illustrate the concept of commitment Gonzalez handed each football player a poker chip, instructing them to write their number on one side of the chip and write what they wanted to be committed to on the other side. He then shared with the team the meaning behind the poker phrase "All In". He inspired them to be committed and put all their "chips" on the table.

"We are faced with decisions every day at which time we can decide to be fully committed, or all in," says Gonzalez, a former All-American forward, who passed up a professional basketball contract to continue his work with at-risk youth. "He said to the players, 'I want you to fully commit to being all in on something.'"

Gonzalez went on to urge players to fully commit to anything they take on, whether as a father, husband, son or even, a football player.

Next day after Gian Paul's chapel message the Giants beat the Jets 29-14. In a post game interview, Giant's Defensive End, Justin Tuck credited the chapel speaker's (Gian Paul) message of being "All In" as the reason the Giants win that day.

The team went on to win every game, up to and including Super Bowl XLVI, where they beat the New England Patriots 21-17.

Gian Paul Gonzalez is himself an inspiration. He was a former NCAA First Team All-American forward from Montclair State University scoring nearly 1,400 points in his 3 year career. Played in the NBA Summer League in 2007 and was offered a few professional basketball contracts, yet he turned them down in order to continue his work with at-risk youth. He is a gifted motivational speaker and is the founder of 4-One, an organization dedicated to using basketball to share a message of hope and striving for excellence in inner-city public schools and juvenile jails.

Testimonials

"Gian Paul is a gifted speaker whose message comes from the heart. He inspires you to try harder and to throw yourself completely into everything you do." – *Anne Finetto, Coordinator, Rutgers University*

"Thank you for providing the Division of Student Affairs with a phenomenal, dynamic and charismatic keynote speaker and facilitator. Gian Paul has a source of creativity, energy and genuine care for others that is contagious." – *Rose Mitchell, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Bloomfield College*

"Gian Paul is a dynamic young man with a remarkable life story, and an exceptional ability to motivate and inspire. His talks at our Museum captivate student-athletes about doing the right thing, and achieving excellence in their lives, now and in the future." – *Dave Kaplan, Director, Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center*