Everyday Incentives For Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- Wouldn't you rather look forward with anticipation to occasions of worship rather than seeing it as putting in your time for the Lord?
- What kind of motivations exist for us to live the kind of life that the Lord prescribes for us?
- When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? If the Lord were to return today, would you be one of those people of faith that he's looking for?

1 My Unavoidable Mortality Compels Me

James 4:14; Psalm 37:25; 2 Thessalonians 1

- My mortality, it compels me, it sobers me because as I look at my life, look, I'm getting older in a hurry.
- Our lives are but a vapor that appear for a short time and then vanish away.
- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in our body, whether those things be good or bad.
- These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his power.
- God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.
- So my mortality compels me, it sobers me to seek the things of God. I have a creator. He has designs and plans for me.

2 My Savior's Sacrificial Love Draws Me

John 12:32

- God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Even while we were sinners, even those who were crucifying Jesus, he was dying to save them. That's outrageous love.
- If I be lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.
- He writes to the Corinthians and says, the love of Christ controls us.
- Meditating on the Savior's love. That's the drawing card of the gospel.
- If that is not going to draw us, there is nothing powerful enough besides that.

3 My Incomparable Hope Drives Me

Psalm 16:11

- What is it about heaven that should motivate me, even as a young person, to want to go there to make the decisions necessary to please God?

- There is no relationship on earth that is so intense, so wonderful, so incredible, that will rival that relationship with God in eternity. I will see his face.
- In his presence is fullness of joy, and at his right hand are pleasures forever. Psalm 16 and verse 11.
- There's no temptation to do anything wrong. There's no want. You won't be lacking anything. Everything is going to be perfect 100% of the time.
- All this stuff is temporary, not near to be compared with the treasures that are in heaven.

THE CHALLENGE

If there's anyone who is compelled this morning to choose the ultimate life, won't you come.

MY NOTES