Necessary Motivations – part 1

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 5:14–15

INTRODUCTION

- They who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- For the love of Christ controls. This is the force that was at work in the life of the Apostle Paul.
- If you're going to live for Christ and no longer live for yourself, which he beckons us to do, then you are going to need to understand the motivations that are necessary to arrive there.

1 God Lives

- God lives. In him we live and move and have our very being.
- The topic of whether we can trust the Bible story is a more growing concern in our culture.
- It's not really from God. Therefore, I don't have to listen to it when it tells me the hard things about how Jesus wants us to live.
- The call to biblical morality, New Testament holiness is tall. It is a tall requirement. It is challenging.

2 Without Jesus I Have Nothing: Grace

- I realize more and more that without Jesus, I have nothing. I am nothing.
- And I am totally unworthy of what he's given.
- May we never diminish the importance of grace and what God extended to us. Or we would be hopeless.
- What he surrendered to deliver the grace out of the ivory palaces into a world of love to be rejected by those he fashioned in the beginning.

3 Without Him, Absolutely Undone and Ruined

Luke 7:47; Proverbs 6:15; Proverbs 5:9–11

- When you realize that without God and without the grace of our Savior, we are absolutely undone and ruined.
- You will be pursuing an inferior and empty life without him. You will be on a course to destruction and eternal regret.
- He who is forgiven much loves much.
- Your calamity will come suddenly. Instantly you will be broken, and there will be no healing.

4 Something in Christ That Transcends All Circumstances

- We have something in Christ, despite our unworthiness that transcends all circumstances.
- We can rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say rejoice, Paul writes that from a prison cell.

- There's always a reason to rejoice in Christ, even when our hearts are breaking.
- Peace I leave with you, Jesus said. My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And do not be afraid.

5 God Gives Us Relationships

- God gives us relationships in which he cultivates and nurtures and desires the expression of love.
- Your souls are purified in obedience to the truth unto an unfeigned love of the brethren.
- He even provides relationships that are designed to nurture and encourage us in this course.

6 Hope Eternal

Psalm 16:11

- In my father's house, there was bread. Bread and enough. And he was motivated.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. They are satisfied, they are filled.
- What is eternity? It is being in the presence of the most awesome God, Father, Son, and Spirit, and it is being filled without want.
- In his presence is fullness of joy. And at his right hand are pleasures forever.

THE CHALLENGE

You want to be strong in the Lord. You want to stay the course. You set the Lord before you. If he is at your right hand, you shall not be moved.

MY NOTES