

guidance, trying again and again and again. Jesus will never give up on growing you so that you mature in living true to who you are in him. He's empowered you to live loved.

What motivates you?

Good News you have Jesus loving you; today, tomorrow, forever. Good News, Jesus love for you isn't dependent on how hard you work; he's always working hard for you. Daily draw on him, live with him, talk with him, walk with him, live life in his fullness.

How; I hear you asking. Ask; ask Jesus to motivate you. Ask Jesus to guide you, to give you the words, the

actions, the feeling needed for the situation you find yourself in. Ask, then take that first prompting and go for it, trusting it comes from Jesus.

That's the same as saying you're living motivated by Jesus. It's what he wants. It's what he's given his life for, so I reckon you can depend on him. So this week, stop and ask; ask for the right words, the

appropriate action, the ability to express the emotion the other person needs, ask and then take that first prompting and go for it, and talk with Jesus about what happens. For Jesus' passion is that we live by faith – that's letting him motivate us.

Christ Church Lutheran

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

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WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

John 13:31-35



What motivates you?
What shapes the way you spend your day?
What controls the words you speak, the words you choose?
What motivates you?

I'm sure there are lots of levels to answering this question. What motivates me to get out of bed in the morning? Simply, my wife! What motivates me to eat wheetbix for breakfast? Habit, I'm hungry, and I believe it's good for my health. What motivated me to become a pastor? My father was a pastor who had a great passion for reaching the lost with the Gospel; that rubbed off on me. I went into study with a desire to reach the lost with the Gospel, with Jesus' love, forgiveness and grace, that they might

have life in all his fullness. There was also a bit of insecurity being expressed, if I'm honest. I wanted to do something significant, so I'd feel significant.

What motivates you?

Ultimately I want Jesus to be the one who motivates me; who is my reason to get up and live life. My desire is that Jesus motivates me; my words, my thoughts, my desires, my hopes and dreams. I want Jesus to be the one who motivates me.

Who wants Jesus to be the one who motivates them?

I've got good news for you today; motivating you is Jesus' passion. Jesus passion is to motivate you, to

empower you for life; life lived to the full with him, in him, through him. Jesus has poured his life into that passion.

Good news, Jesus is passionate about you. That motivates him still today; you becoming all that his Father dreams possible. They're passionate about you; about you living true to who you are in them, not being trapped as a slave, not having your life robbed by lies.

They're passionate enough to die for you, to give their all for you, so you have life, life in their fullness.

What motivates you?

Today we heard again Jesus offering his love as our motivation. Notice it

isn't just love; who really knows what that means. No Jesus offers us himself in a relationship of total trust, where he is there doing his best so we benefit at his expense. We have way more than love as our motivation, we have Jesus loving us.

That's the new commandment; 'Love one another. Just as I have loved you.' Have means it is an event that has its beginnings in our past and is active today. Jesus hasn't stopped loving you. His passion; the very passion that lead Jesus to the cross, is burning strong for you today.

Notice Jesus isn't trying to motivate you with a threat; do this or else. Fear isn't Jesus mode of operation. I don't think being scared stiff is the best motivation to build your life on.

Jesus comes to empower you, for you are loved by him. He has given his life for you. He does daily have you on his mind. He has sent the Spirit to be with you, to walk with you, to share his thoughts with you, to guide you, to give you boldness, wisdom and love. It's a gift.

'Love one another. Just as I have loved you'

Jesus motive is to love you, to lovingly be with you, talk with you, walk with you, share life with you. What motivates Jesus today? The core of who he is; that's to love, being true to himself in every and any situation.

That's what Jesus wants for you. That you are motivated by the core of who you are; that's being a loved person, being true to who you are in

Jesus, in every and any situation.

What a wonderful freedom that motivation brings. I can grow in being free from my fears, my sense of lose, my need to be accepted. These all rob me of life, they steal my identity, and destroy who I really am.

In Jesus we have life; life lived in his fullness. So we are able to love from the core of who we are. In

Jesus we are able to grow and mature so that more and more it is the core of who we are in him that motivates and shapes our lives.

Have you noticed that if we put the emphasis on the word 'command' as something we have to do or else, we actually destroy what Jesus has given his life for? A life motivated by fear isn't what Jesus gives his life for.

No Jesus comes to motivate us from the core of his being, so that when we fail, we don't live as failures, but we draw all the more on his love for us, seeking to find our motivation to try again, to admit our mistakes, to step out again seeking to put this loving relationship into action.

Thank God, in Jesus, your mistakes don't have to motivate you. Your mistakes, in Jesus, don't define you. You're not a mistake; you are a loved child of Father, in whom he delights to live with.

So in Jesus I'm able to grow, in looking my mistakes square in the eye, admit them, learn from them, and live Jesus' love into them, for that is what Jesus seeks to motivate me.

What motivates you?

Part of the Good News in Jesus is that this isn't an exercise in condemning you for getting it wrong. The joy of Jesus' motivation is that as he reveals things, I'm not condemned I'm set free. I get to celebrate another false drive in my life is gone; my fear of failure is being

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replaced by the joy of living loved. My need to find acceptance is being replaced by Jesus' acceptance of me, so that his love now can motivate me and not my fear of peers rejecting me.

In Jesus I'm liberated to stop pretending and get real. It is easy to be a pretender, trying to be everything you think makes you a success. But when I'm pretending, I'm not living true to who I am, I'm living in

fear, denying myself, not knowing who I really am. Thank God, in Jesus, I'm liberated from being a pretender and can grow and mature in living true to who I am in him.

Obviously you can't live true to who you are if you don't have any foundation, any way of understanding who you are; so we pretend. In Jesus we have a solid foundation. In Jesus you are

Father's loved child, the delight of his life. In Jesus you are loved, without a shadow of doubt, so you can live true to who you are. So you can live motivated by God's love for you in Jesus. It is a loving relationship that will never give up on you.

That's one of the qualities of love; it never gives up on you. Jesus will never give up on you, you can keep coming to him, asking questions, seeking