

DISCLAIMER: we preach verse by verse, but the next 3 weeks will be different, yet still faithful to the Word

In 2025, Bangkok Thailand, a \$63 million, 33-story high-rise was nearing completion. **SHOW IMAGE 1**

But on March 28, 750 miles away a 7.7 earthquake struck; tremors reached Bangkok.

Most buildings swayed but stood. This one didn't. **SHOW IMAGE 2** It collapsed, killing 92 people and 4 unaccounted for.

Investigators later found the problem wasn't the quake.....it was the columns.

The pillars were below industry standards. The tower never had a chance.

A building may have impressive finishes, but if the pillars are weak, the whole structure is flawed.

SERIES: The Pillars- we're going to talk about **the load-bearing values that support TWC**

These values are not only crucial for us as a collective organization,

but also, for you as individuals, and for our families and friendships- for a life aligned to God's good plan

TITLE: A life on purpose

The pillar we're examining today is this: **Mission Motivated**

To be MISSION MOTIVATED means that the Gospel and its advancement propel our efforts and behaviors

Anyone familiar with physics/ any mathematicians?

Please excuse the following moronic, poor public school high school ed. attempt at an explanation...I'm sorry-

Newton's second law of motion states that the acceleration of an object

is dependent upon the mass and force acting upon that object (Is that a blessing to anyone?)

In other words- **Whatever pushes you, determines what direction and how intense you move**

Have you ever given thought to what pushes you; drives you; motivates?

In the daily grind and grit of life, what compels you?

- To make it through the day?
- To get the kids to bed on time?
- To have dinner made?
- To work on the lawn or finish that project you've been toiling away on?
- To beat traffic and make it home in time to watch the game?

In the big picture, what compels us to do what we do?

- To retire with a great pension?
- To enlarge your savings account?
- To pay off the house? To buy a house? To buy your dream car?
- To have more kids? More grandkids? Find someone to love you?

The apostle Paul in his letters to the church at Corinth explained exactly what compelled his efforts & behaviors-

1 Corinthians 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to boast, because **I am compelled to preach**—and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

Paul was mission motivated; for Paul to not live on mission was torture

"That's the apostle Paul! I'm just trying to get through the week"

Q: If all that motivates us is to get to Friday, is it God motivating us?

The Greek word “Compels” (synéchei) carries the sense of being gripped, hemmed in, or irresistibly controlled; Picture a river held and flowing within its banks.

Ponder deeply on this:

Is it possible that the banks that direct the flow of my life are not love for God and love for others?

It's been said: If the devil can't *destroy* a Christian, he'll *distract* them.

The church in the west has become distracted from the mission of God

It's not that we don't find the mission of God **important**, we simply don't think it's **urgent**.

We conclude, 'there are more pressing matters at hand'.

Another question:

What if all the things your juggling are not in the way of God's mission; what if they are the means for God's mission?

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

In the English v.19 has 2 imperatives: GO and MAKE DISCIPLES

In the original Greek, the only imperative in v.19 is: MAKE DISCIPLES

“Go”= AS YOU GO....make disciples

What does that mean for us?

Wherever you are, there is mission work to be done

SAHM; work; kid's events; book club; grocery store; etc.

Those who are mission motivated are not people who *languish* their lives, but people who *leverage* them for the gospel

The mission is clear: make disciples wherever we are; it's the motivation part that we struggle with.

Paul again helps distracted Christians like you and I find not just our mission, but our motivation

2 Corinthians 5:10-11a; For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, ***we try to persuade people...***

There's the mission-

Judgment is coming; the kingdom of heaven is real but so is the lake of fire

You and I are rescue agents pulling people from a burning building- it's urgent!

If we believe the Bible, we should care more about those around us

But Paul also lays out the motivation for this mission we've been entrusted with-

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 ***For the love of Christ compels us***, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

There's the motivation- The love of Christ, who gave His own precious life in place of my wretched soul!

How can I live for myself any longer??? How can I be so selfish when my God was selfless?

My whole life now ought to be a never-ending act of worship

Worship fuels Witness

You don't have to know everything about the Bible, but if you know what saved you, share that!

With those who have never heard, that they might be saved;

With those who have heard it a million times, that this may finally be the moment they get it;

With those who already are saved, that they might be encouraged and disciplined

There is no task more important or urgent than partaking in God's mission to spread the Good News

It is those throughout history that have been mission motivated that have left the most impact on this world and that have left legacies that still live on

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity-

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the NEXT. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither."

Do you want to leave an impact on your kids; your family; your workplace; your neighborhood?

Live a life that is mission motivated

Life ruler exercise-

The days are long, but the years are short.

What will you do with the remainder of your one life here on earth?

You can be compelled and pushed on by your agenda,

or you can allow the love of Christ to compel you and live on mission wherever you may be.

CALL UP WORSHIP TEAM

Communion-

We who are saved and in Christ, are the product of God's redemptive mission.

We are the proof that Jesus was compelled by the love of the Father to accomplish that for which He was sent.

We partake in this Holy ordinance as a reminder of what Jesus has done, and that He will one day return;

May He not find us slacking, but with our hands to the plow, on mission, motivated by His love

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAY

Acts 20:21-24 I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² “And now I am on my way to Jerusalem, **compelled by the Spirit**, not knowing what I will encounter there, ²³ except that in every town the Holy Spirit warns me that chains and afflictions are waiting for me. ²⁴ But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God’s grace.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.”

Matthew 4:19 “Follow me,” he told them, “and I will make you fish for people.”

2 Corinthians 5:18 Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.”

Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation^[a] for all people, ¹² instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works. ¹⁵ Proclaim these things; encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Joseph Aldrich (Lifestyle Evangelism) “*Evangelism is not a ‘special activity’—it’s the constant outflow of our daily walk with Christ... It is expressing what I possess in Christ and explaining how I came to possess it.*”

You don’t have to know everything about the Bible, but you need to know what saved you

Can you put in your own words the message of the gospel?