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TOPIC: MOTIVATION FOR EVANGELISM. PART 2

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TEXT: John 4:34, 1 Peter 2:21

INTRODUCTION

As we saw last week, there are several reasons why every Christian must evangelize. However, even as we mentioned last week, knowing the reasons may not be enough to galvanize most people to sustain actions.

There must be an inner drive that propels us to continue actions even without external compulsion and against all oppositions and obstacles. Jesus and Paul are good examples of such inner force. Today, we will look at the motivation of Jesus.

WHAT IS MOTIVATION? An inner drive, an idea captured in the imagination which can be harnessed to an intense drive toward a goal. Motivation is a complex internal state that drives people to act in a certain way, often to achieve a goal. Motivation refers to a process of inducing and stimulating an individual to act in a certain manner. In the context of an organization, motivation implies encouraging and urging the employees to perform to the best of their capabilities so as to achieve the desired goals of the organization. Motivation can be both intrinsic and extrinsic. As Believers, we are all Motivated and Driven differently. Our Motives must align with that of the Lord Jesus.

WHAT MOTIVATED JESUS TO PERSISTENT EVANGELISM?

Whatever motivated Jesus must also be enough to motivate us and push us out of our comfort zone and to do as Jesus did. 1 Pet.2: 21 Jesus was motivated by:

1. The love of His Father. Jn. 15:9; 17:24-26; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

Jesus had experienced "**The Love of the Father**", which prompted Him to love others (Jn 15:9). But it went beyond that. This "**Love**" was such that He wanted to share it with others (Jn 17:26), even if He needed to go to the cross to make it possible!

2. A pervasive vision of the reward.

The joy set before Him. Heb. 12:2-3; Jn. 17:24; 1 Thess. 2:19-20.

3. Compassion for lost souls. (Matt. 9:35-38; Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1)

Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw the mass of lost souls (Matt 9:35-36; 14:14; 15:32).

Such compassion motivated Him to do two things:

- i. Prayer. He asked His disciples to pray that God might "send out labourers into His harvest" (Matt 9:37-38).
- ii. Then, to do something about it Himself (that is, to select and send out His apostles (Matt.10:1,5-7)

4. A sense of purpose. (Jn. 4:34-38; Lk. 19:10; Acts 20:24).

CONCLUSION

If these things could motivate the Lord, they are certainly powerful enough to change our lives and get us out onto the fields and highways to seek for the lost souls. Men and women who are motivated push themselves forward, plough through the inevitable setbacks, challenges and difficulties, heading ever onward to their assignments and fulfilling their responsibilities. "**For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.**" (1 Pet. 2:21)