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TITLE: **How the Gospel Changes Our Motivation and Desires Pt.2**

If you've ever tried to motivate others to develop a lifestyle of discipleship and mission beyond a weekly meeting you know how hard that can be! And if we're honest about... our own motivations could use a little "tune-up" as well.

Here are 3 more things to believe and consider about how the Gospel motivates us...

1. **Jesus was serious about the cost of discipleship.** But he was also clear about the benefits and results of living in light of the gospel of the Kingdom. Be aware of the subtle ways that disobedience, self-preference, and complacency creep into your heart and replaces a gospel motivation with a self-motivation. Every human was created to live their lives completely for God's glory. Every Christian has been saved and called for the purpose of making disciples. Is this the primary focus of your life?
2. **Christ didn't die just so we could avoid hell.** He died so that we could be washed clean and he could put his own Spirit within us. Dwell in us. Empower us. That is the purpose of the Cross. The Apostle Paul reminds us the Spirit is the power that raised Christ from the dead. That is pretty powerful. This sheds a whole new light on, "*do not lean on your own understanding.*" (Prov 3:5) I would add, 'do not lean on your old, fleshly motivations' too!
3. **The power to live the life that the gospel motivates us to live must come from God himself.** The Holy Spirit is the primary discipler of people and motivator of hearts. The Spirit encourages, reminds, teaches, convicts, and guides us. If you've been trying to change people, corral people, grow a church, or any type of ministry apart from faith that the Holy Spirit will do the work, you are set to fail. Even your righteous deeds and works apart from faith are like filthy rags. (Is 64:6) No one wants that!

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*Caesar*