

Matt Foley: Motivational Speaker

Review:

- ⊙ Fulfillment comes when who we are is what we do.
- ⊙ We are beings **created by God to connect others to Him**.
- ⊙ Our talents, limits, and even our pains are given to us to help us live out our purpose.
- ⊙ Our fears dissolve when we remember God works through us!
Fulfillment is never found on the cushions of a couch.

Motivated by Our Values

Our biggest motivational key is our **value system**.

what about emotions? // ILL: I value healthy eating

Some values-based motivations

- ⊙ **WORSHIP:** If I want to worship God, I need to **tell people** that he's good.
- ⊙ **LORDSHIP:** If I want God to be in charge, I have to **do what he tells me to do**.
- ⊙ **CONNECTION:** If I want to connect with Christ, I have to **do what he did**.
- ⊙ **IDENTITY:** If I want to know who I am, I have to **live out my purpose**.

The problem is that I reserve the right to change my values when it's convenient
ILL: My Personal Productivity Experiment... but when the alarm goes off...

Our personal values and our emotions are **insufficient**
to move us toward what's truly **important**.

We need a motivation that's bigger than us, outside us, not subject to us.

Motivated by Something Bigger

Three things motivated the apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 5:10-15).

Paul was motivated by the **final judgment**.

powerful motivator // the only times Jodi and I got along // hiding the pipe
PAUL: personally please God & spare others // IS JUDGMENT REAL TO YOU?

Paul was motivated by the **reality of new life**.

freed from the shackles of his past
Inspired by the potential found in others.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED A NEW LIFE FROM GOD?

But mostly, he was motivated by the **love of Christ**.

~~~ Not our fickle love for Jesus, but his all-surpassing sacrificial love for us! ~~~

The love of Christ answers the pressure of the final judgment  
It's the love of Christ that makes way for a brand new life

THE MOST PROFOUND TRUTH: Though I deserve God's wrath...  
Now he wants to love someone else through me.

We are part of an unbroken chain of love...

- ⊙ Christ loves **me**.
- ⊙ Christ **died** for me.
- ⊙ Christ **pursued** me.
- ⊙ Christ used **someone else** to reach me.
- ⊙ Christ loves **someone else**.
- ⊙ Christ wants to love them **through me**.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life leading you to Jesus?  
Someone might offer the same thanks to you.  
If we could get a real grasp of how much Christ loves us,  
there is nothing that will hold us back!