



COMPASS  
CHURCH

Motives Matter

May 2nd, 2021

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12



## MESSAGE NOTES:

If we are going to make waves, we need to be:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How can I \_\_\_\_\_ in the West Valley?



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## QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) As you read through 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, what motivated Paul to speak the Gospel during his time in Philippi?

## MY STORY

- 3) If you were being honest, what is your core motivation for stepping in, making waves, and sharing the Gospel to the community around you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Think of a time when your motivations were questioned. How did you respond to the challenge or doubt someone expressed as they questioned your motivations?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Read Hebrews 4:12-13

5) As you read this passage, think about the spiritual discipline of confession. Do you tend to see confession as a good thing or a bad thing? As helpful or something to be avoided? God's Word is a mirror that we can hold up to ourselves to see the sin in our heart. How does your commitment to reading God's Word help refine your motivations?

6) How much time do you take to reflect on what your motivations are? God's Word is effective at judging our thoughts and intentions so that we can become like Jesus from the inside out (Matthew 23:25-26)! What motivations do you need to change today to grow in Christ-likeness?

### Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-9

7) What does it look like to proclaim Jesus Christ more than we proclaim ourselves?

8) As we think about ways our motivations need to change, how can we hope in Jesus' work in and through us instead of depending on our own strength? What keeps us hopeful when we face opposition?

### TAKING IT HOME

**STEP UP:** Take a few minutes to meditate on what motivates you to share The Gospel. Have you noticed any common themes? Because of the gift of confession and repentance, you can walk in the freedom and grace God has for you as you follow Jesus! You can change your motivations because of God's commitment to faithfully love you!

**STEP IN:** As you think about the way you relate to other people, do you have a perception problem? Do you aim to share the Gospel with people around you because they need Jesus or because of a personal agenda? As you think about Paul's example of loving those who accused him, tarnished his reputation and publicly criticized him, how can you walk in humility, sacrifice and gentleness with the people around you this week?

**STEP OUT:** God's Word is a powerful tool for change in our lives! If we don't spend time with it, abide with God in prayer, and listen for His direction, we will miss opportunities to see Him leading and providing for us. Every day, we have the chance to honor God, so let's pray that we'd seek to please and glorify Him as we share Jesus' love with someone. This is the perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to church!

**STEP BEYOND:** How can you step outside of your comfort zone to honor God in the West Valley this week? Are you willing to be humble, sacrificial and gentle toward others so that they might know that Jesus sees them, loves them and cares for them?