

IV. MOTIVATOR: CONFIDENT FAITH

A. Faith provides boldness to speak the Word of God.

<sup>13</sup> *“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak,”* II Corinthians 4:13

<sup>10</sup> *“I believed, therefore I spoke, ‘I am greatly afflicted.’”* Psalm 116:10

B. Focus on the resurrection and victory of Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> *“knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.”* II Corinthians 4:14

<sup>57</sup> *“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>58</sup> *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”*

I Corinthians 15:57-58

V. MOTIVATOR: SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

A. Renewal happens best through having daily devotions and attending weekly church services.

<sup>16</sup> *“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”* II Corinthians 4:16

<sup>4</sup> *“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”* Matthew 4:4

<sup>1</sup> *“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’”* Psalm 122:1

B. Focus on eternity with Jesus.

<sup>17</sup> *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,”* II Corinthians 4:17

**DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT WITH MOTIVATION**

**REACH ONE MORE FOR JESUS  
Defeat Discouragement With Motivation  
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**Introduction:**

A. God invites us to join Him in reaching one more for Jesus. This calling includes both neighbors and nations. It includes people who are across the street and across the seas.

Jesus commanded, *“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”* Luke 24:47

Reaching one more for Jesus simply means doing whatever it takes to lead each individual to Christ.

B. The One More For Jesus Missions Focus and Teaching Series will challenge you to look beyond the church walls, and consider who you can reach with God’s love. It will equip you to fulfill your purpose of sharing the gospel with those who are near and far.

June 28	Reach Out To Neighbors and Nations
TODAY	Defeat Discouragement With Motivation
July 12	Fulfill The Great Commission
July 19	Give By Faith
July 26	Never Forget The Worth Of One More!
Aug 2	Send Missionaries Forward On Their Journey
Aug 9	Commit To Reach One More

**TEXT:** II Corinthians 4:1-18

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## HOW TO DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT WITH MOTIVATION

### I. MOTIVATOR: GLORIOUS MINISTRY

#### A. Every believer has a ministry to preach the gospel.

<sup>1</sup> *“Therefore, since we have this ministry...”*  
II Corinthians 4:1a

<sup>18</sup> *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*  
II Corinthians 3:18

<sup>15</sup> *“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”* Mark 16:15

<sup>10</sup> *“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

<sup>11</sup> *...If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified ...”*  
I Peter 4:10-11b

#### B. Focus on the perseverance of Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> *“...as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.”*  
II Corinthians 4:1b

<sup>30</sup> *“It is finished...”* John 19:30b

### II. MOTIVATOR: SERVING PEOPLE

#### A. True greatness is measured by servanthood.

<sup>5</sup> *“For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.*  
II Corinthians 4:5

<sup>26</sup> *“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.”*  
Matthew 20:26

#### B. Focus on the mind of Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> *“So, then death is working in us, but life in you.*  
<sup>15</sup> *For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.”* II Corinthians 4:12,15

<sup>5</sup> *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*  
<sup>7</sup> *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”*  
Philippians 2:5,7

### III. MOTIVATOR: CHRISTLIKE SUFFERING

#### A. Suffering is part of serving God and people.

<sup>8</sup> *“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*  
<sup>9</sup> *persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—”*  
II Corinthians 4:8-9

<sup>29</sup> *“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,”*  
Philippians 1:29

#### B. Focus on the suffering and death of Jesus.

<sup>10</sup> *“always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”*  
II Corinthians 4:10

<sup>39</sup> *“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”*  
Matthew 26:39

<sup>20</sup> *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*  
Galatians 2:20