

Selected Scriptures

Goal: To accomplish meaningful goals in our faithwalk we need proper motivation.

NU-ME Series

NU-ME is NOT a series about resolution making. NU-ME is about real-life change. You can change. Your family dynamic can change. Your marriage can improve. You can be better, do better, become better in 2023. The question we posed last time is "Can you see it?" Can you see your change? If you can't see it, you will not achieve it.

Last Time: Wanderers/ Today: Followers

Followers see something of **great value or significance but never pursue it** on their own. "That's for someone else, not for me." In order to move from a follower to an achiever you have to overcome a follower's greatest enemy: **Excuses**. Followers make too many excuses. Followers try to pass off excuses as reasons. We blame something internal on something external. Truth is, most of the time our reasons are excuses dressed up to look like reasons.

Worthy Motivations

1. **Love (Matthew 22:37-40)** Love expresses itself in a desire to glorify, please, and know God. Love for God would also mean love for that which God loves, thus we love other people.
2. **Gratitude (Romans 12:1)** Our service and our lives become a "Thank You" to Him. In light of God's blessings, we are motivated to offer our bodies to Him and to live for Him.
3. **Eternal Reward (Matthew 16:26-27)** Motivation also comes from the possibility of losing out on eternal rewards. Rewards are not a selfish motivation if our goal is to use them to glorify God in the end.
4. **Duty/ Reverence (2Corinthians 5:9-10)** Duty does not expect a reward but is performed out of obligation. Reverence is respect for God and His process. It's my duty to honor Him. I live for His blessing not His correction.

Excuse Buster

There is a relationship between your excuses and your faithwalk. Excuses will battle for Lordship in your life. You can serve them or you can serve Him. You can be properly motivated and succeed or improperly motivated and fail.

Family Night Big Idea

Teach your children to follow Jesus with proper motives. Help them recognize the danger of excuse-making. Love, gratitude, reward, and reverence are motivations that bring blessing.

Discussion Starter – Read Romans 12:1-2

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "Why should we serve God?" Ask, "What is God's mercy?" Ask, "If God is going to change us, what do we have to renew (v.2)?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "What motivates you most often to do the right thing?" Ask, "How do we offer our bodies a living sacrifice?" Ask, "How do we benefit when we allow God to transform our motives (v.2)?"

Prayer

"Father, help us honor and serve You with the right motives. Amen.

<p>Velocity (Middle and High School Students) Velocity: Meet at the church this Wednesday, Jan. 18 Gravity: No Gravity this Sunday</p> <p>Today's Songs <i>Glorious Day</i>.....Passion <i>Hymn of Heaven</i>.....Phi Wickham <i>Blessed Be Your Name</i>.....Chris Tomlin</p> <p>GCC Father/Daughter Valentine Dance Mark your calendar for February 10th. Tickets go on sale January 15 through February 5. Location is at the Belle House again this year. Cost is \$30 per couple. Sign up and pay in KidsJAM or online.</p>	<p>PlusONE PlusONE represents your opportunity for spiritual growth by strengthening your personal relationship with God. In addition to attending one of our Sunday services, we are encouraging our adult population to commit to a PlusONE opportunity. Adding something to your worship is the best way to grow in your faithwalk. Check out Family Night, Personal Study or a Small Group. We would love to get you started in 2023!</p> <p>Move In Work Day We need some men to help us move into the new KidsJAM wing on February 18th. Let Pastor Mike or Tyler know if you can be there.</p>
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