

### Motivations for Gospel Actions

**Description:** In this class, Andrew Palau shares with us what is needed to stay motivated in our Gospel activity. Evangelism is hard work and both the devil and the flesh will fight against us. But it is the love of Christ that motivates us to see people through His eyes and share the Good News that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

**Meet the Evangelist:** [www.palau.org](http://www.palau.org) For more than 24 years Andrew Palau has played a key role in the ministry of the Luis Palau Association. He has been instrumental in building the LPA model for citywide outreach as an evangelist, director, and key team leader. Andrew's festivals have brought him and the Palau Association in partnership with thousands of churches in cities throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, and the United States of America. His weekly radio broadcasts are heard by millions of people on thousands of radio outlets in dozens of countries. He is also the author of multiple books, including *Secret Life of a Fool*, a retelling of his personal journey to faith in Christ, and *What is Christmas?*, a groundbreaking evangelistic book published in China in 2012. He and his wife Wendy have three children, Christopher, Jonathan, and Sadie Anne. They live in Portland, Oregon, close to the world headquarters of the Palau ministry.

**Key Scriptures:** Hebrews 12:2-3; John 16:33; Luke 19:41-44; Proverbs 24:10-11; Philemon 1:6; Luke 15:10; Daniel 12:3; 2 Corinthians 5:1-6:2

#### Key Points:

- The word of God is the Gospel source. Whenever you have questions, go to the Bible.
- *"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."* Hebrews 12:3
- The flesh and the devil are always pressing in against our Gospel efforts
- Jesus is the one that sees the ninety-nine and doesn't dismiss them, but He goes after the one. He's not intimidated by the size of the task
- For the very purpose of Gospel activity, God has gifted you with the many gifts that you have
- Gospel activity is the core element of everything that is necessary in order to experience what God describes to us as the abundant life
- Sharing your faith is a great part of the sanctification of your life

#### Notes:

Evangelism is hard work, so don't be surprised, and don't give up. The rewards are extraordinary. The battles are real, but the harvest is plentiful.

Five reasons why we need to be motivated for the gospel:

1. Obedience
2. The love of Jesus compels us

3. There is a real urgency related to the matter
4. It is for our own good
5. Out of gratitude

We often ask God what our purpose is on the earth, when all the while, He's told us to go make disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them.

You can assess your obedience to Gospel activity by checking your diary, checking your schedule, and checking your calendar. What do you see?

*"Do this in remembrance of Me."* The Gospel. Don't forget it. Jesus says, "Don't forget who I am. Why I came. The impact of the ministry that I had. Always remember the cross and that I laid down my life. I laid it down willingly. The good news is given freely and it's for you. And now we have this indwelling power of the Holy Spirit." He says, "Don't forget, always remember, walk in obedience."

When Jesus sees the crowds, He's not overwhelmed. His heart is broken, and He weeps. They're not a hassle to Him.

In His great goodness and mercy and in His graciousness, God says, "Get involved with it because it's for your own good. I'll even repay you for what you've done."

We are just humble servants of God, rescued by His incredible grace, given a task, and we should walk in obedience to it. But instead, our amazing Father says, "Go for it, you'll never regret it, and I will even make up for anything lost."

We need to get on our knees before the living God and ask Him to open our eyes, to reveal truth to us, to give us the words, to help us understand what's happening in the life of the one with whom we are sharing the Gospel. We need to speak to them with Gospel language—not small talk, not philosophical talk, nor religious talk. Gospel language.

Remember the Holy Spirit is working when you share the Gospel. You may not remember what all the person who shared with you said, but you remember when the Holy Spirit broke through in power to reveal Himself to you—to open your blinded eyes, to help you, to see the sinfulness of your life and the result of it.

Don't dwell on the times when you were negligent with the Gospel. Remember the ongoing work of the cross. Repent and cry out, "Lord God, have mercy on me!" You can come back right into the light and let Him do a further cleansing as you walk forward in that work of sanctification.

All the fears and the lies of the enemy are dispelled when we move into faithful action.

I'm so glad people never gave up on me, and we will not give up on others.

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