

Motivation

- We all grow weary at times and need extra motivation
- What kept Paul going through hard times? 2 Cor. 11:22-33
- Paul's work
 - Acts 9:22 – Damascus
 - Gal. 1:15-18 – Arabia, Damascus
 - Acts 9:26-30 – Jerusalem, Tarsus
 - Acts 11:25-26 – Antioch
 - Gal. 1:21 – Syria, Cilicia
 - Other travels, preaching, writing letters, etc.
 - Trials, tribulations, beyond all others – 2 Cor. 11:23
- Motivating forces in Paul's life
 - New building from God – 2 Cor. 5:1-5
 - Hope of Christians – 1 Cor. 15:50-58
 - Being at home with the Lord – 2 Cor. 5:6-9; Phil 1:21-23
 - Judgment: all must appear – 2 Cor. 5:9-10
 - Positive and negative motivation – Heb. 10:26-31
 - Fear/respect for the Lord – 2 Cor. 5:11
 - Steward of God to preach gospel – 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 9:16-18
 - Love of Christ – 2 Cor. 5:14-17
 - Passes all knowledge – Eph. 3:19
 - Undeserving of such love – Rom. 5:6-8, 15
 - Saved Paul – 1 Tim. 1:12-16
 - Committed to Jesus as slaves of righteousness – 2 Cor. 5:18-19
 - All need to be reconciled to God in this capacity—This duty, described as a slavery, motivated Paul.
- Conclusion – Run the race – Heb 12:1-2.
 - Same factors should motivate us also