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Lesson #1: Why I ____ What I ____ (2 Corinthians 4)

As we begin this series, we must first understand what the series is about. Every Christian has been impacted by the Word of God. For as we see in Romans 10 – the Word of God must be heard to be a Christian. But does it stop there?

Each week we will hear a message that has had an impact on someone. There may be some here today that are not a Christian, a child of God – this series is for you. There may be someone in here struggling with a life dominating sin – this series is for you. There may be someone here today contemplating suicide, or something drastic – this series is for you. There may be someone here wondering what do I do now in regards to college, job, dating, etc – this series is for you.

Paul's _____ (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

- A. **We must never _____.**
Paul's integrity is at stake. He will not give up in speaking the truth.
- B. **Not quitting is for every _____.**
In verses 1-6 alone, there are 8 uses of the words "we" or "ourselves."
- C. **Why should we never quit?**
 - 1. _____ sake – vs. 2.
 - 2. We cannot _____ – vs. 3
 - 3. Satan is _____ – vs. 4.
 - 4. We _____ Christ – vs. 5

4. _____ has done much -vs. 6. 6. It is _____ – vs. 6

Paul's _____

- A. **Our motivation _____ to be for God's sake.**
- B. **Our motivation _____ we are _____.**
Intellect, wisdom, power, money, and fame earn you no favors and do not give salvation.
- C. **Because of Jesus' _____, we are something.**

Paul's _____ (2 Corinthians 4:13-18)

- A. **Our bodies and this world will _____ us, but we cannot _____.**
- B. **We endure because of the _____ of God.**
 - 1. The promise of our _____
 - 2. Our _____ bring God glory
 - 3. We live for eternal _____

CLOSING REMARKS

Why do I do what I Do? You must ask yourselves this question, is serving God more important than anything else I will do? This does not mean you must become a pastor, missionary, evangelist, or some other full-time ministry, but it does mean that your life will be lived for God.

Our motivation should be to never give up, and to never quit because we are doing something greater than this world has to offer. We know the gospel works! We know it brings God glory! We know it has eternal value! We know there are still others that need the gospel!