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Called to be Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-21

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Message notes:

When you know this sense of the _____ of God, that's what motivates us to try to persuade men.

I've discovered this _____ motive– that Jesus Christ loved me when I was totally unloveable.

When you come to Jesus, He changes your _____.

God first wants to do a work _____ before He use us to be His representative.

We don't _____ ourselves to God.

He gives the _____ of reconciliation.

You have a _____, and it's good news!

Jesus gives us the _____ and the weight to represent Him.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Throughout the message, Pastor Jamie emphasized the importance of understanding our role as ambassadors for Christ. What does it mean to you personally to be an ambassador for Christ, and how does this role impact your daily life?
2. Pastor Jamie discussed the motive for being an ambassador, highlighting the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ. How does the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ motivate you to share the gospel with others?
3. Pastor Jamie talked about the transformation that occurs when someone becomes a new creation in Christ. Can you share a personal experience or testimony of how your life changed after accepting Christ?
4. The concept of reconciliation is central to the message, with God reconciling us to Himself through Christ. How do you understand the term "reconciliation" in the context of your relationship with God, and how does it affect your interactions with others?
5. Pastor Jamie emphasized that every believer has a ministry of reconciliation. In what ways can you actively participate in the ministry of reconciliation in your community or workplace?

Ministry Time:

Pastor Jamie spoke about the dangers of the gospel becoming stale news and losing its impact on your life. Does anyone feel this way?

The message ended by urging us to be passionate about sharing the good news as ambassadors. Does anyone feel that they are lacking a sense of urgency and passion in their hearts for sharing the gospel?