

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 9/21/08

“Becoming Uncomfortable”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. Ways we become comfortable: In my dealings with my sin, my service to God, and my dealings with others.
- B. Are we willing to be UNcomfortable?

II. Background of 2 Corinthians

- A. Paul was uncomfortable: 1:8-10; 4:8-12; 6::4-5,9-10; 11:22-29
- B. Why did he do this? 2 Corinthians 4:5

III. Becoming Uncomfortable - 2 Corinthians

- A. Live Like You Are Dying (4:16-18)
 - 1. Paul recognizes his humanity: 1:9; 4:7
 - 2. Motivator: (4:17) - “...is producing for us...”
 - a. Realize this life is NOT it - it is all going away
 - b. Don’t live for... \$\$, fame, sin - ALL fleeting
- B. Live Like You Have a Treasure (4:16-18)
 - 1. The motivation of the Olympians
 - 2. Motivator: (4:16) - “we do not lose heart...”
 - a. Paul saw his “eternal weight of glory” (see 4:6)
 - b. What is your “eternal weight of glory”?
- C. Live Like You Believe God (5:1-5)
 - 1. Their confidence was based on KNOWING (believing)
 - a. God gave a guarantee (the Holy Spirit)
 - b. Hebrews 11 - Reality motivated their lives
 - 2. Motivator: (5:1) “...we know...”: Do you believe God?
- D. Live Like You Are On Your Way to Talk to God (5:9-10)
 - 1. Paul’s motivator: (5:10) - “...for we must all appear...”
 - a. I get comfortable, want to live my easy life... FORGET
 - b. I WILL talk with God about my life
- E. Live Like They Are Dying (5:11-13)
 - 1. Paul wasn’t just thinking of HIS relationship with God
 - 2. Motivator: My friends will stand before God: What are THEY worth to you?
- F. Live Like Jesus Died for You (Like You’re Forgiven) (5:14-19)
 - 1. 5:18 - He reconciled us & committed to us the ministry
 - a. Are we confident? - Heb 4:16 - Stop tearing self down
 - b. Spread the message of reconciliation
 - 2. Motivator: LOVE (5:20) - begging = love for them