Motivation for Service: Confidence

People can be motivated by all sorts of things. We can be motivated by praise or by the fear of losing praise. We can be motivated by great and noble ambitions or by ambitions that are far from noble. All human beings can be motivated. To be motivated means to be moved. It means that we have an overriding desire that will move us to persevere even when faced with overwhelming obstacles.

The beauty of the gospel is that God motivates his people by renewing their hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. Read the gospel promised in God’s Word 700 years before Christ:

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.*

*I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you to move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

*Ezekiel 36:26-27*

Now, THAT’S motivation. God himself will move us to serve him. He will build us up to have confidence in his ways. Confidence means “with faith.” God will help us to have faith (confidence) to serve him more and more.

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**2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

1-5 CONFIDENCE IN MORTALITY

 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

6-10 CONFIDENCE IN ETERNITY

 Philippians 1:21

9-10 CONFIDENCE IN OBEDIENCE

 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

 ▪ You must be born again – John 3:3

 ▪ You must know that you are saved – 1 John 5:13

 ▪ You must serve God with confidence