

Compelled! (Faith Promise Message)

Text: **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** (NIV)

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Introduction

Luke 14:23

Acts 20:22

1 Cor. 9:16

2 Cor. 5:14-15

I. A Compelling Message

2 Cor. 5:14-15

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Phil. 1:21

1 Tim. 2:5-6

1 John 2:1-2

2 Pet. 3:9

II. A Team of Compelling Missionaries

Matt. 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Acts 20:22-24

- Lillian Trasher
- David Livingstone
- Jean Philippe & Erna Quetant
- Su & Christina Kim family
- Bob Hoskins & OneHope
 - \$1 reaches 3 children; \$100 reaches 300 children

III. A Compelling Motive to Give

2 Cor. 5:14-15

Matt. 6:21

Phil. 4:14-19

- 3.23 billion souls are still waiting (42.5% of the world)
- Let's change that today through our Faith Promise giving this year!

Let us allow God to stretch our faith today from our best – to His best! As you prepare to fill out your financial faith promise card, could I encourage you to prayerfully go through our missionary staff prayer manual and pray for all these missionaries who are counting on us. If you do not already have the prayer manual, you can go to our church website at www.calvarychristian.church and click on the “Missions” link and then the “Commit to Pray” link to receive one.

The financial faith promise card is provided so that you can share with us what kind of financial commitment you can make to worldwide missions over the next twelve months. Our mission’s calendar runs from November of one year through October of the next year. Hopefully, you have fulfilled your faith promise from last year and will prayerfully consider increasing your faith promise for the year ahead. The faith promise cards will be deposited in the offering boxes as you leave on Sunday. If you are still watching online, you can make a faith promise online by going to our website or church app and clicking on “Make a Faith Promise” which will take you to a simple form where you can fill out a digital Faith Promise Card. And of course, you can always mail your card to the church or deposit it in the after-hours drop box to the right of the front office door.

Based on the collective faith promises of our congregation, the church board will then make a commitment to prospective new missionaries as well as giving a cost-of-living raise to our present missionary staff if at all possible. You may want to wait until after the message this Sunday to fill out your card, as I am sure the Holy Spirit will be speaking to each of our hearts. You will then be asked to fill in the amount of your financial commitment and to designate whether it will be given weekly, monthly, etc. **Please be sure to tabulate the yearly total.** And thank you for printing your name on your card as we hesitate to make projections of income based on unsigned cards.

The latest information we have indicates that one new believer is added to the church of Jesus Christ every 62 seconds through our missionary efforts! That means that one soul was saved and added to the overseas church for approximately every \$300 given to missions last year. While God has already put a price tag on an eternal soul (the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ), this statistic does give us an idea of the kind of impact we can have for eternity as well. Please notice the difference your monthly commitment could make in the year ahead:

\$ 25/month =	\$ 300/year =	1 soul saved	\$ 175/month =	\$ 2,100/year =	7 souls saved
\$ 50/month =	\$ 600/year =	2 souls saved	\$ 200/month =	\$ 2,400/year =	8 souls saved
\$ 75/month =	\$ 900/year =	3 souls saved	\$ 300/month =	\$ 3,600/year =	12 souls saved
\$ 100/month =	\$ 1,200/year =	4 souls saved	\$ 400/month =	\$ 4,800/year =	16 souls saved
\$ 125/month =	\$ 1,500/year =	5 souls saved	\$ 500/month =	\$ 6,000/year =	20 souls saved
\$ 150/month =	\$ 1,800/year =	6 souls saved	\$ 1,000/month =	\$ 12,000/year =	40 souls saved

Loved ones, as we examine our personal priorities as the people of God, we must ask ourselves what priority we will give to reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. How many souls will Calvary Christian Church be responsible for in the year ahead? I would encourage each of us to examine our own personal budgets, looking at how much we spend on sports and personal entertainment, cable-TV, food for our pets, etc. and then determine whether we should invest an equal amount (if not more) on touching lost souls with the love of Christ. While God has enabled some to give larger amounts, it has been the faithfulness of each one doing their very best that has allowed us to make such a difference for eternity. Regardless of the amount of your faith promise this Sunday, thank you in advance for helping us to see 100% participation this year!

To God be the glory for all that will be accomplished this Sunday as we allow God’s love to fill our hearts with a commitment to take the gospel to the ends of the earth – so that ALL can hear!