Missions Motivation: Focus your Motivation

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

## Focus in on God

"Now this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (**John 17:3**)

<u>Inadequacies</u> will blur your focus – "'So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God Said, 'I will be with you…'" (Exodus 3:10-12a)

**Ignorance** will blur your focus – "What shall I say?" (Exodus 3:13)

Insecurities will blur your focus – "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue...Who gave man his mouth...Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." (Exodus 4:10-12)

<u>Individualism</u> will blur your focus - "Who am I...what shall I tell them...what if they do not believe me or listen to me...I have never been eloquent...I am slow of speech."

<u>Insubordination</u> will kill your focus - "Oh Lord, please send someone else to do it.' Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses." (Exodus 4:13)

## F God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called!

## Focus in on who God made you to be

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (**Psalm 139:14**)

**Take a good hard look at your** <u>heritage</u> – "One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor." (2:11)

**Ponder the <u>defining</u> moments of your life** – "She named him Moses...he killed the Egyptian...he(Pharaoh) tried to kill Moses...and went to live in Midian...Zipporah...There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames." (**Exodus 2**)

**Consider how God has gifted you** -"He was powerful in speech and actions." (Acts 7:22)

**Focus on His <u>kingdom</u>** – "But Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **(Matthew 6:33)**