

SERMON NOTES

Series: *How to Live Victoriously*

Title: *Live Passionately*

Text: Mark 12:30; Romans 12:11

Theme: Living with No Regrets

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“So love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.” Mark 12:30. “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Romans 12:11

God wants you to love Him **passionately** and live life **passionately**.

Passion is something that you can **lose**. *Luke 5:18-20; 24-26* shares some insight on how passion is restored.

A crowded life keeps us from being **close** to Christ.

If you want to recapture your passion, do what the friends of this paralyzed man did.

1. DO SOMETHING **DRASTIC**.

Ask a drastic **question**...“*If you knew you had one month to live how would you live your life?*”

Remove **obstacles**. Decide what's important and then you cut out the things that are standing in the way.

The really important things in your life are typically **not even on your list**. These are things that don't have a deadline and for that reason it's easy to put them off.

2. EXPECT THE **UNEXPECTED**.

Things don't always go **as planned**.

Instead of tensing up you have to **lighten up**.

Receive the unexpected **gracefully**.

When you are stressed and frustrated, it's often a warning...an alarm that lets you know you are trying to control something that God didn't intend for you to control.

3. CREATE **GOD SPACE**.

In the middle of our crowded, over-scheduled lives we have to create a space **intentionally** to meet with Jesus.

Jesus had to create space in His schedule so He could meet with His Father. *Mark 1:35-38*

“Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.” Luke 5:25 That word **immediately** speaks to us today about the **urgency** we need in responding to God.