



TITLE | Controlled Crazyiness
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 5:11-15
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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; **15** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us . . . *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-15, written by the apostle Paul. From verse 11, what did Paul seek to "persuade others" about? According to verses 11 and 14, what motivated Paul?

Tuesday:

In 2 Corinthians 5:14, Paul says, "the love of Christ controls us." Do you think "the love of Christ" refers to our love for Christ, or his love for us, or both? What is the relationship between Christ's love for us and our love for him and others? (See 1 John 4:19.)

Wednesday:

From 2 Corinthians 5:14, what does it mean to be controlled by the love of Christ? What does it look like in real life?

Thursday:

From 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, how can you allow the love of Christ to control you? What is your part and what is God's part?

Friday:

What motivates you more, the fear of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:11) or the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14)? Why?

Daily Prayer:

**Lord, compelled by your love for us,
you died for all that we who live might
no longer live for ourselves, but for you
who for our sake died and rose again.
May your love control me. Amen.**