

SOUTH
SHORE
community church

GROWTH
giving back





Tears:

- 20's & 30's (passionate people change the world)
- We have been looking at the 5 components of mature followers: Biblical maturity, spiritual maturity, relational maturity, and today we finish up with stewardship maturity. We have to steward our time, talents, treasures & tears.



Tears:

- Romans 12:11, “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”
- What are the things we need to sustain passion for? And how do we sustain our passion over the long haul?



Tears:

- First, what do we need to sustain passion for?
- Paul tells us to keep our spiritual fervor – we need to sustain our passion for God. (Mt 22:37f). It is easy to become more passionate about the cause of God than about God himself. Guard against that. (leads to resentment – pastors)



Tears:

- First, what do we need to sustain passion for?
- We need to be passionate about the things that matter to God. The things that matter to God matter to the mature disciple. (make disciples – when we lose heart for the mission, something is amiss; pray for heart & divine appointments)



Tears:

- First, what do we need to sustain passion for?
- We all have a unique passion that God has given to us, a niche. Often this comes from our life circumstances that have been redeemed. (Ron – religious) (Jen – children) (Me – revival; signs of hope – HS weekends & CMA)



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- First, what do we need to sustain passion for?
- We all have a unique passion that God has given to us, a niche.
- What is your passion? What were you born to do? (Henrietta Mears – SS teacher; director for Christian Ed at 1st Presbyterian Church) (sex trafficking, abortion, help someone else)



Tears:

- How do you sustain your passion?
Romans 12:11, “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”
- Passion flows naturally when my heart is properly connected to God. If I keep my heart soft & humble, & am living in the river, my passion flows free & full.
Passion is a matter of the heart.



Tears:

- How do you sustain your passion?
- When my passion ebbs, I get alone with God. Do a heart check. (keep confessions current)
- There have been times my heart was good with God, but I suffered a soul robbing disappointment, & my energy level was down. (midlife – disappointments stack)



Tears:

- How do you sustain your passion?
- We have to deal with our soul robbing disappointments. We have to grieve the bad, celebrate the good, and keep our eyes on heaven. Heaven is where all problems will be solved & all promises will be fulfilled. (Praying Psalms; intentionally giving thanks; fight for perspective) (property)