

# Mat Wills: Inspired by Sacrifice (21/4/18)

**Scripture Reading:** John 15:13

## **Two Churches:**

1. Revelation 3:8,10 - A vision of an inspired church
2. Revelation 3:15,16 - A vision of an apathetic church.

If we find ourselves in an apathetic church we need to take responsibility for this - we are the church - we need to be inspired.

Mark 16:15 - Does this inspire you? If not, it's because we are not believing the Gospel.

"Our level of inspiration is proportionate to our belief in the object for which we are inspired."

## **A Picture of Inspiration:**

Judges 6:12,13 - Does Gideon sound inspired? Absolutely not!

The continuing story shows the process that Gideon went through on his journey from fear to inspiration.

What was the turning point for him? It was a 'belief moment!'

The same can be our experience! If we have a 'belief moment' we too can live an inspired life.

Galatians 2:20 - That, is inspiration! The belief moment for Paul was Christ crucified.

## **Mat's Belief Moment:**

Mat's belief moment was a visit to the War Memorial at the Botanical Gardens in Perth.

As he stood there and saw the monuments erected to commemorate the sacrifice of the men who had given their lives for the freedom of others he felt the weight of another sacrifice. He realised that there was another monument that stood as a reminder of an even greater sacrifice that was made, in order to bring an even greater freedom. Mat felt the weight of what was required to give him freedom from the bondage of sin. Now *that* is an inspiring sacrifice!!

Let us daily look to the monument of Christ's sacrifice.

## **Conclusion:**

John 15:13 - There is no greater love; no greater motivator for the soul, than the giving of one's life for us.

Isaiah 6:8 - God says "Who will go?" Who will be the inspired Christians? Isaiah said "Here I am. Send me." How about you? Will you be inspired by God's Son?