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**1 For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters,<sup>1</sup> about our coming to you—it has not proven to be purposeless. <sup>2</sup> But although we suffered earlier and were mistreated in Philippi,<sup>3</sup> as you know, we had the courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of much opposition. <sup>3</sup> For the appeal we make does not come from error or impurity or with deceit, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we declare it, not to please people but God, who examines our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For we never appeared with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is our witness—<sup>6</sup> nor to seek glory from people, either from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> although we could have imposed our weight as apostles of Christ;**

**instead we became little children among you. Like a nursing mother caring for her own children, <sup>8</sup> with such affection for you we were happy to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. <sup>9</sup> For you recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery: By working night and day so as not to impose a burden on any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so is God, as to how holy and righteous and blameless our conduct was toward you who believe. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his own children, <sup>12</sup> exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you live in a way worthy of God who calls you to his own kingdom and his glory.**

## **I. Recap –**

- Background (2:1-2):
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Our Motives Matter: Matthew 5-7 & 1 Cor. 3:11-16

## II. NOT Paul's Motivation (2:1-7a) –

- Paul's motivation was NOT \_\_\_\_\_ (2:3-4)
- Paul's motivation was NOT \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5)
- Paul's motivation was NOT \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6-7a)

## III. Paul's Real Motivation (2:7b-12) –

- Paul's motivation was \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7b)
- Paul's motivation was \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:8-9)
- Paul's motivation was \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10-12)

## IV. What Motivates Us? / Application –

**Take Away –**