EASTER SERMON

OUTLINE

* INTRODUCTION
	+ Welcome
	+ Inspirational quotes
		- Billy Graham
		- John 10:10
		- St Irenaeus

• WHAT IS PASSION?

* Contemporary definition
	+ - Meaning of passion to Jesus
		- Latin meaning of passion
		- Distinction between ancient and modern definitions.
			* No ambiguity
			* Commitment
		- William Booth “warning” quote
* IMPORTANCE OF PASSION
	+ - Ordinary people/ extraordinary achievement
		- Nothing can be achieved without it.
		- Essential for a life of meaning and purpose.
* SUSTAINING PASSION
	+ - Surge of enthusiasm for shiny new things but novelty wears off
		- New car
		- Parenthood
		- New romance/marriage
* SUSTAINING PASSION FOR GOD AND FAITH
	+ - GK Chesterton quote: Struggle for existence
		- Sustaining faith is like climbing a hill
		- Finding the way to reconnect with passion
* FINDING THE INNOCENCE
	+ Matthew 18:3- Become like little children
	+ GK Chesterton – Exult in monotony
* BE WILLING TO DIE TO FIND YOURSELF
	+ Sean discovers his faith
	+ Eugene Peterson- Dying to self.
* DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
	+ Seminary professor- develop deeper trust in God
	+ It’s better to be connected
	+ Be open to opportunity
* REMAIN FOCUSED
	+ We are works in progress.
	+ No great work of art is ever complete
* SERVE OTHERS
	+ Elvis- possessions over purpose- unfulfilled
	+ Nelson Mandela overcame adversity for a purposeful life
	+ Jennifer Bricker- demonstrates God’s work and purpose
* CONCLUSION
	+ Meaning of Easter:
		- Renewal, rebirth, rededication
	+ Discover the passion within for a meaningful life
	+ Thank you