



Corinthians

BE COUNTER-CULTURAL.

Next Steps Guide

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"Corinthians" Week 9

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11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

- Be free to run from the _____ and run with _____.
 - You _____ help it.
 - _____ will help you.

19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

- Your freedom in Jesus Christ isn't just the power to run _____ something. It's the power to run _____ something, and that power comes from who you are running _____.

23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. 24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 26 For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— 29 I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience?

"Be Free."

30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

- You _____ help others know Him.

Notes

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Go Deeper

- 1.What is a temptation you have experienced that you thought might be unique to you but have since discovered others battle this too?
- 2.The Bible says that God always gives us an escape hatch out of temptation, never letting us be tempted beyond what we can bear. What best describes your feelings about this: comforting, challenging, or surprising? Why did you choose that answer?
- 3.Think of a temptation you have battled. When you are running from that, what are you running FOR or TO instead with God's help?



Family Discussion Questions

Grove Kids

Ask your Preschool-Elementary Kids:

This week Pastor Bill was teaching us how to *BE FREE*, open up a conversation with your kiddos by asking a few questions:

- What comes to your mind when you think of being free?
- If you were able to do whatever you wanted, what is one thing you would do?
- Have you ever thought that just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should?
- What are some things that are not good to do?
- How can Jesus help us not do the things we may want to but are not good for us?

Grove Youth

Ask your Middle and High Schoolers:

Pastor Bill talked a lot about freedom this week. With that in mind, what does freedom mean to you? What images come to mind when you think about freedom?

Our freedom shouldn't be used just to make our lives more comfortable, it should be used to honor God and help others. What are some ways you can use your freedom in these ways?

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