



KEY VERSE OF  
WEEK 9

"I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings"

1 Corinthians 9:23



CONTEXT

Before we jump into Chapter 9, remember that in our study of Chapter 8, Paul is addressing a question that the Corinthians have put before him. Their question is about eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols. They were wrestling as a Church with the question of if it was okay for Christians to eat this meat that has been sacrificed to idols when they worship Christ and don't believe in any other god but The Living Christ.

We pick up in chapter 9 as Paul begins to unpack the reason why we as believers don't cling to our rights to do something just because we can. Paul has a strategic way to live his life. His strategy for living is to not forget his aim. He says in verse 26 "So I do not run aimlessly:" What is Paul's aim? His aim is to spread the gospel and he definitely doesn't want anything that he does in his life to cause him to miss the opportunity to do that. If being a tent maker disqualified him or disconnected him from being able to share Jesus with people...I feel certain he would have stopped being a tentmaker. If eating idol meat was causing him to not be able to share about Jesus, he would stop eating the meat. Everything was about, "how do I get the opportunity to share the gospel with this city, with this people group, with this person?"


I love what Paul says in verse 22... "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." (9:22b) Paul will do anything necessary to win people to Christ -- "by all possible means.

This week as we spend time in chapter 9, let's consider what it might look like for us to do anything necessary to win people to Christ. Is that our aim? As Christ followers we should have a passion for others to come to know Jesus.

What do we need to change, shift, or let go of so that we have the opportunity to share Jesus with others?

Praying for you, Sis!

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"FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL"

1 CORINTHIANS 9

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN PART IN A SPORT OR WATCHED SOMEONE TRAIN FOR A SPORT? WHAT ARE THINGS ATHLETES DO ORDER TO BECOME BETTER FOR FUTURE COMPETITIONS? WHAT DO THEY GIVE UP THAT OTHER PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP?

HOW MIGHT YOU DISCIPLINE YOURSELF AS A CHRIST FOLLOWER IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL? ARE THERE SPIRITUAL HABITS THAT WOULD COST YOU TIME BUT WOULD BENEFIT YOU IN YOUR SPIRITUAL WALK? WHAT ARE THEY?

PAUL'S AIM WAS UNWAVERING ON WHY HE CHOSE NOT TO DO CERTAIN THINGS. HE DID NOT WANT TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. WHAT ARE SOME PRESENT DAY EXAMPLES OF HOW CHRISTIANS MAY EXCHANGE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO SHARE CHRIST FOR LIVING A CERTAIN WAY?

I LOVE STUDYING ABOUT THE MISSION STORIES OF THOSE THAT GOD CALLED TO SERVE INTERNATIONALLY TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL. I ESPECIALLY LOVE READING THE MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE THE MODERN DAY CONVENIENCES WE HAVE NOW. OFTEN TIMES THEY WOULD LEAVE HOME AND NEVER GET TO RETURN. THEY GAVE UP EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. THEY LEFT ONE CULTURE TO BECOME A PART OF ANOTHER ENTIRE CULTURE. IS THERE A GROUP OR PERSON THAT YOU KNOW GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BE HIS HANDS AND FEET TO? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO REACH THEM FOR CHRIST?

SPEND TIME PRAYING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE CHRIST THIS WEEK. ASK JESUS TO HELP YOU TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF THAT PERSON AND CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN "BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE" IN ORDER TO SHARE JESUS WITH THEM.

## PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

## READ

What verses are you reading from today? \_\_\_\_\_

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

### Formal Translations:

#### "word for word" translation

New American Standard  
English Standard Version  
Holman Christian Standard  
Revised Standard Version  
New RSV

### Functional Translations:

#### "Thought for thought"

New International Version  
New American Bible  
Revised English Bible  
Good News Bible  
New Living Translation

### Free Translations:

#### "A Paraphrase"

New English Bible  
Living Bible  
The Message

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

## APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

## QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

## PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.