



KEY VERSE OF
WEEK 14

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people." 1 Corinthians 14:33



CONTEXT

As we move into Chapter 14, we delve into the chaos of the worship gatherings of The Corinthian church. The Corinthians were wanting to use their gifts, but they were sharing them in a disorderly way. There were those that were speaking in tongues, but there was no one to interpret. In addition, there were people that were prophesying but in such a way that they were getting all the attention. Paul even called out women to be silent because they too were distracting during worship. He didn't say that women weren't allowed to speak during worship, he meant that they were distracting during worship with what they were speaking. They were using the public worship gathering to inquire about personal issues. As a result, they were adding to the noise of all that what going on. Can you imagine walking in the doors of your church and seeing what Paul saw and not having any order?

My very favorite class in seminary was actually a class about Worship. I will never forget what our professor taught us about our place in worship. I had thought that worship originated in my heart towards God. Our professor, Dr. Bruce Leafblad, used Isaiah 6 to show us that God is the one that initiates worship. We don't start worship, we respond to what He began. He further explained that worship is defined as: "Communion with God in which believers, by grace, center their mind's attention and their heart's affections on the LORD, humbly glorifying God in response to His greatness and His Word."

When you look at this definition of worship, and compare it to what was going on in chapter 14, you can see that the Corinthian Christians had allowed their attention and heart's affections to drift to themselves and their gifts. Paul begins to help them develop a order of service to help them redirect their attention away from the gifts and to the gift giver---Christ.

I do want to point you to some resources that are helpful in regards to a deeper study on speaking in tongues.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/article/the-boundaries-of-the-gift-of-tongues-with-implications-for-cessationism/>

Praying for you, Sis!

Follow us on instagram @girlsministrycollective and use the #girlsministrycollective so we can cheer you on as you study with us in 1 Corinthians!





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"IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIFT, IT'S ABOUT THE GIFT GIVER"

1 CORINTHIANS 14

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISTRACTED IN WORSHIP? WHY DO YOU THINK THAT WAS A DISTRACTION? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A DISTRACTION TO OTHERS? WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU DID THAT CAUSED A DISTRACTION?

IN VERSES 27-33, PAUL BEGINS TO PROVIDE 4 WAYS FOR ORDER TO COME INTO THE CORINTHIAN GATHERINGS OF WORSHIP. WHAT 4 INSTRUCTIONS DO YOU FIND?

PAUL CONCLUDES WITH STATING IN VERSE 33 THAT GOD IS NOT A GOD OF DISORDER...AND SO THE GATHERINGS OF HIS PEOPLE SHOULD REFLECT THAT. HOW DOES KNOWING THAT GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER AND NOT CHAOS PROVIDE YOU WITH PEACE?

THIS WEEK, MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR WORSHIP LEADER AND ASK THEM WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THEM WHEN THEY ARE DETERMINING AN ORDER OF WORSHIP.

IN THIS WEEKS LESSON, AMY-JO MENTIONED THAT "IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIFT, IT'S ABOUT THE GIFT GIVER". HOW CAN WE SOMETIMES MAKE WORSHIP ABOUT THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US AND NOT MAKE WORSHIP ABOUT HIM? HOW CAN WE DO THAT IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

AMY-JO MENTIONED THAT TONGUES WERE CAUSING CHAOS IN THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH. HOW CAN YOU THIS WEEK SURRENDER YOUR "TONGUE" TO BE USED TO BRING GLORY TO GOD AND BUILD UP HIS CHURCH?

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.