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## ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH OCTOBER 24, 2021

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS SERIES

- Unity and Power Evangelism (1-2)
- Growing, Planting, and Building (3-4)
- Let's Talk About Sex (5-7)
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- Christian Worship (11-12:11)
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## FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS 1 CORINTHIANS 8


- What's the big deal?
- We often face choices that aren't black and white in the scripture.
- As Christians, how do we make decisions?

Corinth had a lot of pagan worship. Pagan priests would sacrifice animals to pagan Gods, and then take the left overs and sell it in the marketplace. Was this okay?

Prohibited in 10 Commandments, Leviticus 17, Acts 15

Pretend like we're talking about something that is debated in our church circles: R rated movies, dancing, drinking, fashion, tattoos, piercings

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**CHRISTIAN CHOICES**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 8**

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- How do people typically make decisions?
- Our decisions should be based on:
  - Obedience to God
  - Sacrificial love for others, like Jesus

We typically make decisions based on knowledge, freedoms, or feelings.

Knowledge without love is arrogance.

Freedoms without concern for others is hurtful.

Feelings without respect for others is self-centeredness.

“Is it best for the camper?” – all decisions made by the camp and staff was filtered through this question.

Defending our freedoms in Christ doesn't help win people to Christ, typically.

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## GIVING UP RIGHTS 1 CORINTHIANS 9

- 8:13: If what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again... for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble.
- 14: The Lord ordered that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.
- 15: Yet, I have never used any of these rights.
- **22: I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.**

Soldiers don't pay their expense

Farmers can keep some of their own harvest

Shepherds drink the milk of their flocks

Duet 25:4: "You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain"

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## LEARNING FROM ISRAEL 1 CORINTHIANS 10

- 6: Bad things happened when they turned to idolatry to warn us so that we would not be tempted by evil things.
- 13: Temptations in your life are no different from what others experience... He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand... He will show you a way out.
- 24: Focus on the good of others.
- 31: Make all decisions for the glory of God and so others might be saved.

Idolatry (which God called adultery),

7: worshiped other Gods (3000 died after the golden calves) Ex 32

8: sexual immorality (24,000 died) Num 25:1-9

9: putting God to the test Deut 6:16

10: grumbling (14700 died) Num 16:41-49

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## **NEW MEMORY VERSE**

1 Corinthians 9:22b (NIV)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22b
- Briefly review previous memory verses
- Read 1 Corinthians 8-10
- Pray about the promises, truths, and commands in the text
- Pray for one another



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## MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

- 1 Corinthians 2:12
- 1 Corinthians 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 6:12
- 1 Corinthians 9:22