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WITH THE EDGE

August 10 – Romans 10

Re-read Romans 10:14-15

Paul is asking a question that we must ask ourselves regularly about the people that surround us every day. How will _____ be saved if they have never heard the good news?

Think about three people who need to hear the good news from you!

August 11 – Romans 11:1-21

Re-read Romans 11:6

At this time, Paul is talking about Jews who are being saved. He reminds them that they are still saved by grace, and not works, so they are not better than everyone else. Sometimes, it's hard for church kids to NOT feel like they are better than everyone else. How can you be a more humble follower of Christ?

August 12 – Romans 11:22-36

Re-read Romans 11:33

God is hard to figure out, impossible at times. All that we know about him, he has revealed to us. Paul says that his ways are “inscrutable” which means: impossible to understand completely. What are some things God has done that looked odd at first, but God worked it for his purpose?

August 13 – Romans 12

Re-read Romans 12:2

Paul is clear, if you don’t work to live different than the world, you will become like it. To be “conformed” is to be molded into the ideal image the world wants you to be. The image the world wants to mold you into is sinful. It is all about the mind. Instead of being conformed to the world, Paul wants the people to be transformed to be like Jesus. How can you train your mind to do this?

August 14 – Romans 13

Re-read Romans 13:1

It is not optional to submit to authorities. Even when the authorities seem unfair to us, it is important to obey. Who are some people in charge in your life that you need to do a better job obeying? How can you do this?

August 15 – Romans 14

Re-read Romans 14:12

This is a frightening thing to think about in light of all the sin we have committed. All people who have been saved by Jesus will have to stand before God and talk about their lives and every decision they made with God. This should motivate us to live for him every day! What are some things you want to avoid, for the sake of that day?

August 16 – Romans 15:1-20

Re-read Romans 15:5-6

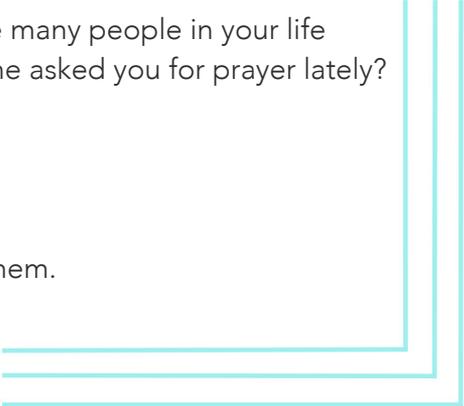
Here we find another important command that many people today view as optional. Paul encourages the people to live in "harmony with one another." This means to get along with everyone at church (specifically). How can you be a better friend at church this weekend?

August 17 – Romans 15:21-33

Re-read Romans 15:30

Paul is asking for prayer. There are many people in your life today that need prayer. Has anyone asked you for prayer lately? Who needs it?

Pray for 10 minutes today about them.



August 18 – Romans 16

Re-read Romans 16:17

All throughout the Bible, there is an importance put on WHO exactly you surround yourself with. Paul tells the Roman Christians to avoid a group of people who are creating divisions and problems in the church. This should give us two warnings: don't cause problems that separate people's friendships, and don't be friends with people who do. Who are some good friends that you need to be getting closer to?

August 19 – 1 Corinthians 1

Re-read 1 Corinthians 1:31

As Paul begins his letters to the church in Corinth he reminds them of who they really are. He reminds them that the good things God has done through the church are not because of them, but because of God. He reminds the church that God even prefers to use people, who the world views as weak. The Corinthians have nothing to boast about but God! What are some things you boast about that you shouldn't?

And what does boasting in God look like?

August 20 – 1 Corinthians 2

Re-read 1 Corinthians 2:1

Paul came into this city preaching the gospel. He didn't come into town speaking like the wise professors of the day that spoke with big words and dramatic phrases. He preached the truth, and let God do the work. How does this change the way you should share about Jesus with people?

Do you have to be super smart? Do you have to know how to preach a sermon? (No! Just know the truth, and be able to tell people!)

August 21 – 1 Corinthians 3

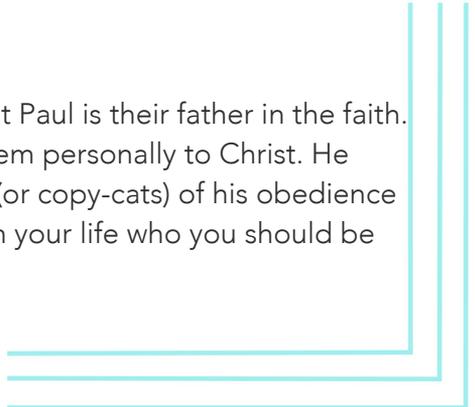
Re-read 1 Corinthians 3:13

When this life is over, it clear, we will be judged. If you are a Christian, you will not be punished for your sin, but you will still have your life evaluated before God. This is going to be scary for all of us! But the way we live here and now will shape how scary that day will be for us. What is something you can do today that will be rewarded by God in eternity?

August 22 – 1 Corinthians 4

Re-read 1 Corinthians 4:15-16

The Corinthians are reminded that Paul is their father in the faith. He is the one who led many of them personally to Christ. He then tells them to be "imitators" (or copy-cats) of his obedience to Jesus. Who are some people in your life who you should be spiritual copy-cats of?



August 23 – 1 Corinthians 5

Re-read 1 Corinthians 5:13

Throughout this chapter, it is clear, God hates sin. The last people he wants to see sin are the people in the church like you and me! These couple verses that summarize the section remind us that God will judge the people outside the church for their sin, that's not our job. Our job is to not let that sin get in the church. The first step of doing that is not letting that sin get into your own heart. What types of sin are you fighting against letting into your life?

How can you beat it?

August 24 – 1 Corinthians 6

Re-read 1 Corinthians 6:12

As Paul continues to talk about sin in the lives of people in the church, he makes an odd statement. He basically is telling them: I might be allowed to do a lot of things, but not all of them are good for me. For you, this might mean that you are allowed to watch bad movies, but you know deep down that it isn't good for you. What are some other situations where you need to avoid, even if it seems like you could get away with it?

August 25 – 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Re-read 1 Corinthians 7:24

After the discussion on marriage, Paul tells every person to live their life, exactly where they are, for God. This is important for you because it's easy to want to be in junior high, high school, or college. You are in 5th or 6th grade because that is exactly where God wants you. How can you serve him at this age and with the people you are with?

August 26 – 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Re-read 1 Corinthians 7:35

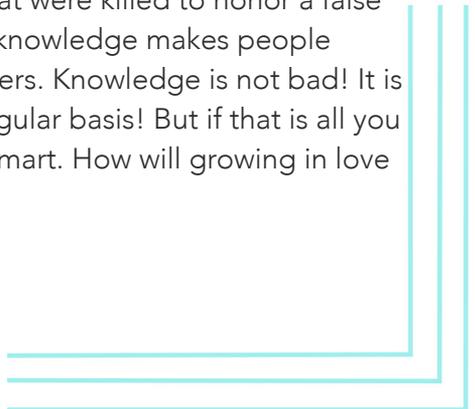
Paul is giving people the church dating/marriage advice, but the point is so that those people will be totally devoted to Christ. How can you be more devoted to Christ?

What will you do to make this happen?

August 27 – 1 Corinthians 8

Re-read 1 Corinthians 8:1

Right at the beginning of Paul's instructions about eating certain foods from the markets that were killed to honor a false God, he reminds the church that knowledge makes people prideful, but love encourages others. Knowledge is not bad! It is great and we must seek it on a regular basis! But if that is all you want, then you will be pridefully smart. How will growing in love help you serve others better?



August 28 – 1 Corinthians 9

Re-read 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

It is not only the responsibility of a preacher such as Paul to keep his life under control, it is our's as well. We need to practice self-control. Paul says that he stays self-controlled a lot like an athlete does. Runners don't eat cake and donuts to run the fastest! They eat good food and work hard to be fit! In the same way, we need to say "no" to things that we want in order to please God. What do you have to say "no" to today?

August 29 – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Re-read 1 Corinthians 10:10

Paul warns the people of three sins that God hates. The first two: idolatry and sexual immorality seem obvious enough, because to us, they seem really bad! But there is a third: grumbling (complaining). God hates complaining! Do you complain?

How can you stop complaining today?

August 30 – 1 Corinthians 10:14-33

Re-read 1 Corinthians 10:31

There was a lot of talk in the church about what was ok to eat and drink. Paul sums up what the church is supposed to do in this one sentence. Whatever you do, you are supposed to recognize God's goodness and give him the glory. What are you doing to give glory to God in your day to day life? How can you give more glory to God?

August 31 – 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

Re-read 1 Corinthians 11:1

Everyone needs examples to follow if they want to do something right. You wouldn't be a very good artist, athlete, or student if you didn't have instruction. Paul provides these people (and us) with instruction on how to live our lives like God wants us to. Paul wasn't perfect, but he set a good example for people to follow. Whose example are you following?

And what kind of example are YOU setting for others?

September 1 – 1 Corinthians 11:16-34

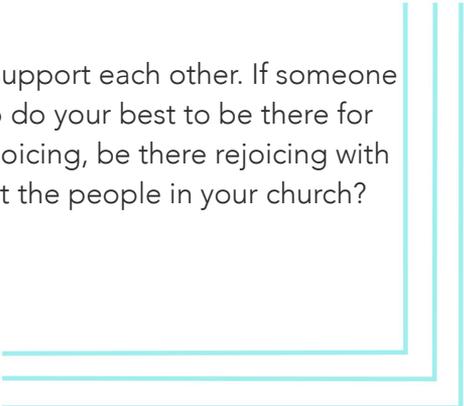
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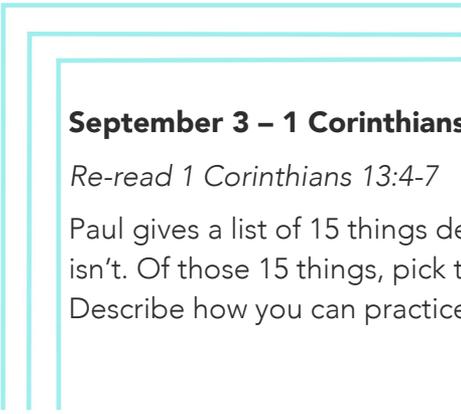
It is not good for a Christian to be "contentious." That mean to be a person who is always making trouble and making others dislike each other. A person is contentious when they gossip, make fun of people in a mean way, tell lies, and are rude. How can you keep yourself from creating problems with your friends at church?

September 2 – 1 Corinthians 12

Re-read 1 Corinthians 12:26

As a church, we are supposed to support each other. If someone you know is suffering, you need to do your best to be there for them. If someone is happy and rejoicing, be there rejoicing with them! How can you better support the people in your church?





September 3 – 1 Corinthians 13

Re-read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Paul gives a list of 15 things describing what true love is and isn't. Of those 15 things, pick three that you need to work on. Describe how you can practice them in your life this week.

September 4 – 1 Corinthians 14:1-20

Re-read 1 Corinthians 14:20

It is important to understand what is going on in this chapter. Paul talks about the gift of "tongues." In the first century, when the apostles still lived on the earth, many Christians had a gift from God to be able to speak in languages they had never studied. Today, we don't have this gift. Above anything else, Paul wants them to be grown up in their thinking, and like babies when it comes to evil. They need to have experience learning truth and doing the right thing, and inexperienced in the doing the wrong thing. How can you become more grown up (mature) in your thinking?

Where will you turn for this knowledge?