

Let's Grow Together
Read I Corinthians 9:24 - 10:13

What do you think was the main point in this week's message?
What did God teach you through the message this week?

Q1. Paul summarizes this passage in vs. 24-27 by emphasizing the importance of discipline in the Christian life (including sacrificing personal rights and comforts for the sake of others.) How would you describe your "Gospel readiness" training program? *Haven't found the gym. *Not sure I'm ready to make the necessary sacrifices. *Ready anytime, if only I had a team of people to train with me. *I've run the race and I'm exhausted. *I'm raring to go!

Q2. What kind of spiritual heritage did your "forefathers" leave you?

Q3. What kind of spiritual heritage would you like to pass on to your kids?

Q4. How do the four types of sin committed by the Israelites (10:7-10) serve as a specific warning to the Corinthians? To Christians today?

Q5. If you think you've "got it together," what do you become vulnerable to (v. 12)?

Q6. What are the 4 things Paul tells us in v. 13 in regard to the temptations we face?

Q7. How can the statements and promises in v. 13 help you in your struggle against temptation?

Q8. What helps satisfy your urges before they grow into temptations and sin?

Preparing for Sunday, March 31- Read Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:4-11

Q1. Upon seeing the resurrected Jesus, how do the disciples respond? (v. 17)

Q2. In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community?

Q3. What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:6)

Q4. How does their idea of the kingdom differ from Jesus'? (Acts 1:7-8)

Q5. As a disciple, what is the impact on you of Jesus' words (v. 8)? Of Jesus' departure (v. 9)? Of the angels' promise (v. 11)?

Q6. How would you explain the effects of the Resurrection to your non-believing friends?

Q7. To which "Jerusalem" are you called to bear witness? How do you need the Spirit to help you?

Q8. If you were one of the disciples, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving?

"At the Crossroad of Me & Disqualification"

I Corinthians 9:24-10:13

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Disqualified. The mere mention of the word stirs up strong emotions. It smacks of shame, humiliation, and the worst kind of failure. Whether one is disqualified from serving in the military or the government, or from practicing law or medicine makes no difference. As we study these penetrating words, open your heart to the Spirit of God, who will teach, reprove, expose, and hopefully encourage you with the reminder that Christ meets us even at the crossroad of disqualification.

I. Regarding Distinctives

A. Three Metaphors

B. Get _____ (I Corinthians 9:24-27)

II. Regarding Disqualification

A. Having _____ yet having _____
(I Corinthians 10:1-11)

B. Be careful of _____.

III. Regarding Defeat

The disqualification of millions of privileged people is a sobering example to us all. And for those who are tempted to think, "That will never happen to me," Paul cautions, "*Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*" (v. 12)

Conclusion: Let's consider these probing questions...

A. Have you maintained your _____ to the Lord, or has it begun to fade?

B. If your _____ has slipped, can you locate when or where the spiritual erosion began to occur?

C. Do you realize the _____ of continuing in your present course?

D. Are you aware of the _____ you will have on your family and friends if you fall?

Note: Are you dangerously close to being disqualified? Has your Christianity lost its ability to create a thirst for God in others, to illuminate the truth and give direction? Regardless of how unfaithful you may have been, Christ is faithful to forgive and to provide a way of escape so that you can endure, regaining the brilliance of His life in you. *You CAN begin again!*