

**Introduction** - *The Greatest Movie Ever Made!!*

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Herman Who?

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**The reality about the issue**

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A little Alice Cooper

**Exercising without Stumbling**

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1 Corinthians 8:12-13

**Application** - *"An invitation to be free, and to love on others!"*

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Welcome to the  
Church in  
Corinth:

The Bridezilla  
of Christ!



# SEX AND THE CITY

OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

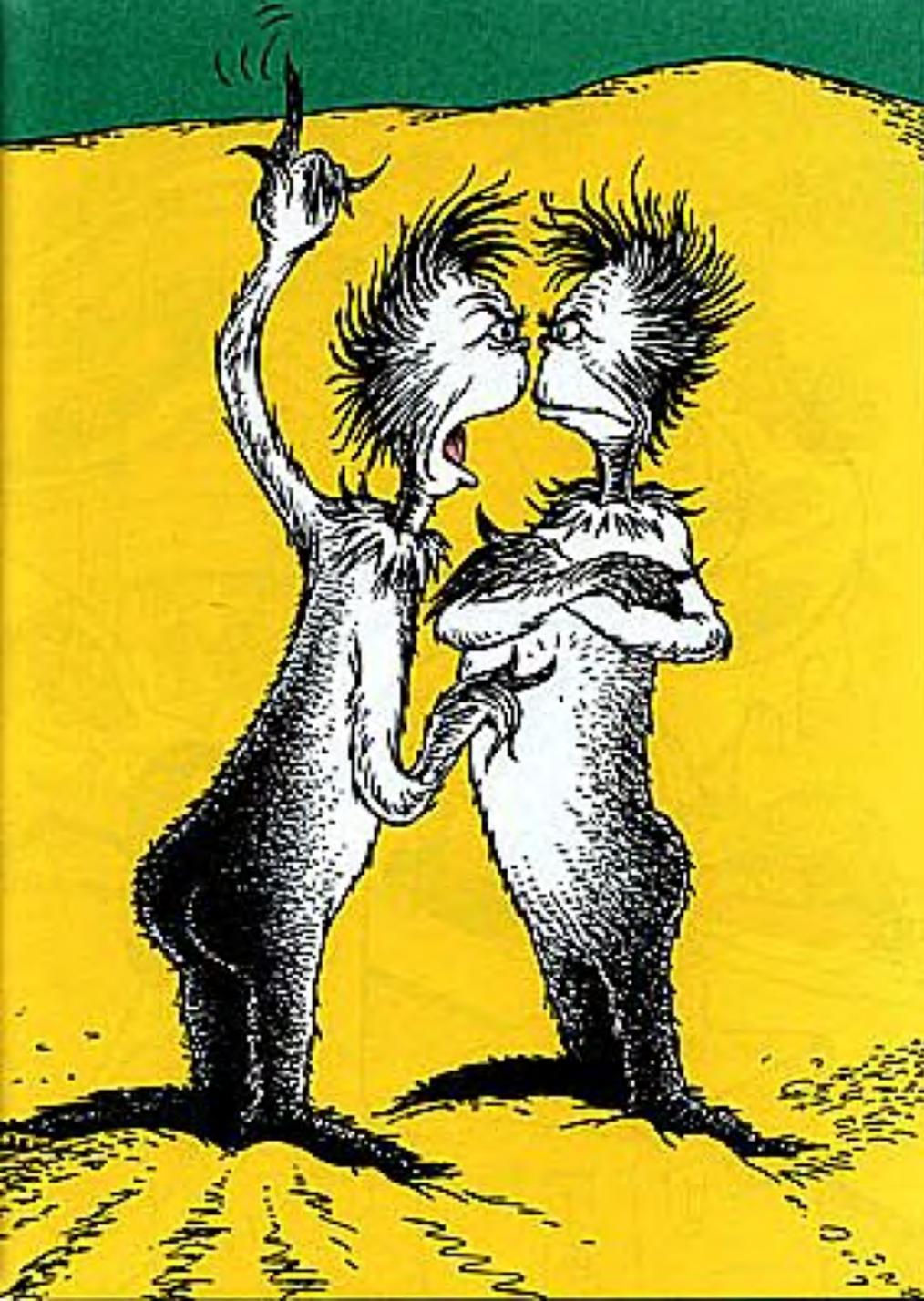
# CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART 3 - 1 COR 7

# RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE  
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE



EGR ~

Extra Grace  
Required





**FREEDOM!**

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**~ HOW DO WE GET**

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Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.

## **1 Corinthians 16:12**

Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.

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### John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

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**2 Timothy 4:13**

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,  
and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

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Meat was sold in the marketplaces that had been offered to pagan Gods.

1. Should you eat it?
2. Should you eat if offered at another person's house?
3. How about social gatherings?
4. How about eating it at the temple, since it was free there?
5. How about actually taking part of the pagan ceremony to see if the idol actually will do something?



# The Difficult Ride of the Christian Life



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**I Cor 8:1-13**  
**Now, in the**  
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**GUINNESS**

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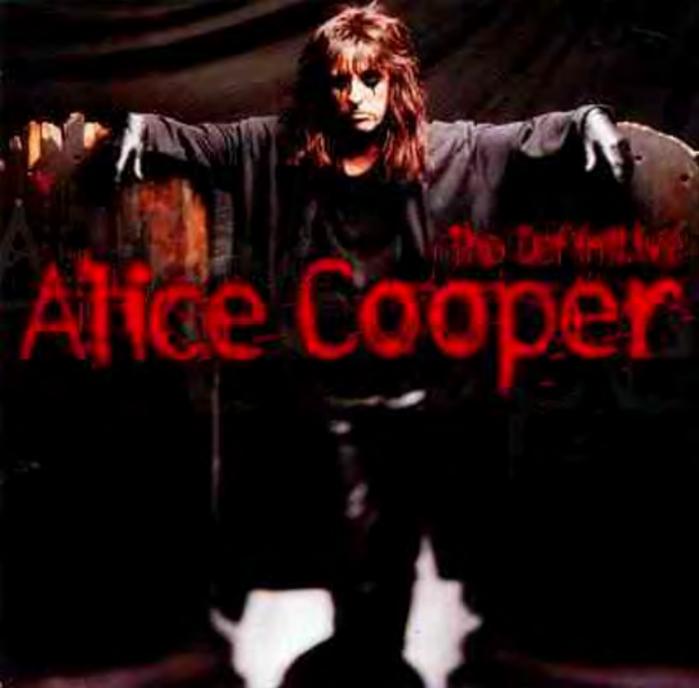
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The Definitive  
Alice Cooper



## Wish you were here – Alice Cooper

I sent you a postcard, Thought it would be funny,  
Would have sent a souvenir, But they took all my  
money, It's pretty warm down here but it ain't  
sunny.

And I'm having a hell of a time, my dear  
Wish you were here

I tried to call you, I tried to call you, Long  
damn rates are so high, They just appall  
distance operators that only stall you, Besides the

It started out a nice vacation, Left the station right on time, Can't get a ticket to  
get me home, dear, They just don't have too many flights from twilight zone,  
dear, So don't forget to feed my cats, Spot and Jerome, dear

Seeing all the sights here, I'm getting lonely, I'd show you all the film I took if  
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