

## Message Notes

**"Living for the Glory!"**

## Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

**Introduction** – *"A quick pass down memory lane...or not."*

### 1. Using your freedom wisely

(1 Corinthians 10:23-24)

A. Is it really going to benefit you? (v. 23)

B. Does it help the community? (v. 24)

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### 2. The Reality of Meat sacrificed to idols

(1 Corinthians 10:25-26)

### 3. How to live in messy world, however!

i.e. Living among different types of people

A. Missional Living

(1 Corinthians 10:27)

Two Extremes

1. Syncretism

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2. Separatism

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Application – *"Are you living for the glory?"*

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AFTER 3RD  
SERVICE





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PART ONE: "CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!"

1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTERS 1-4

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PART 3 - 1 COR 7

# RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE  
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

# SEX AND THE CITY OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

PART 4:  
FREEDOM!

~ WHAT IS IT?

~ HOW DO WE GET  
IT?

~ HOW DO WE  
PRESERVE IT?





# The Historical Situation in Corinth



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



**I Cor 8:1-13**

**Now, in the**  
**context of**  
**COMMUNITY!!**



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1 Corinthians 8:4, 7,

<sup>4</sup>So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one.

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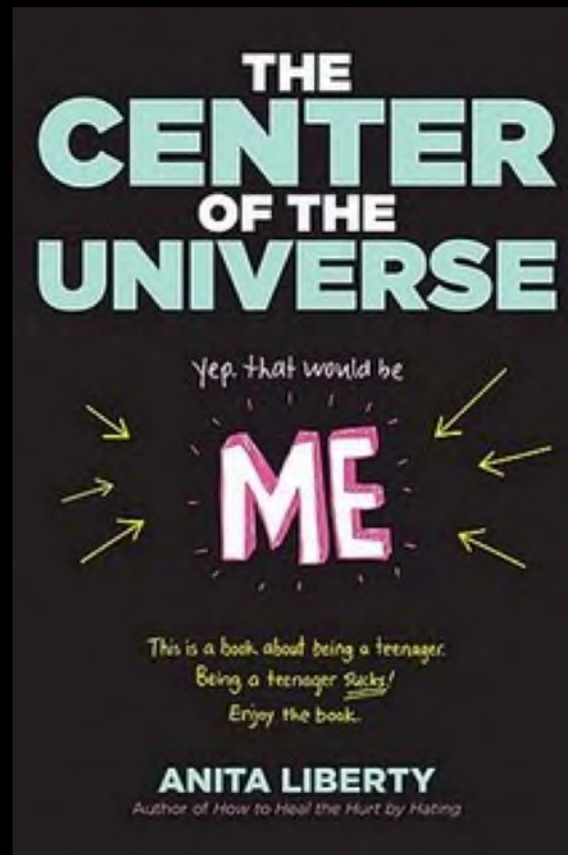
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<sup>19</sup>Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...

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<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.” <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did — and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test the Lord, as some of them did — and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did — and were killed by the destroying angel.



## Freedom Part Five

# The Heavy Burden of Freedom: Fleeing Idolatry ~ *1 Corinthians 10:14-22*



# Freedom: The Heavy Burden of Freedom!

## 1. Flee from Idolatry

*1 Corinthians 10:14*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

# What is idolatry?





Application:

Are you living a life of Freedom from idols?



# Freedom from idols

Unbelief



God Opens our Eyes to Himself



Belief



Life Changing Relationship (Union) with Jesus



Transformation of whole self



Choices Evaluated / Repentance / Faith



Behavioral Change



A “different” kind of people

## Freedom Part Six

**The Conclusion of the Matter: Whatever  
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~ Dr. Gailyn Van Rhee, Professor of Missiology, Abilene Christian University

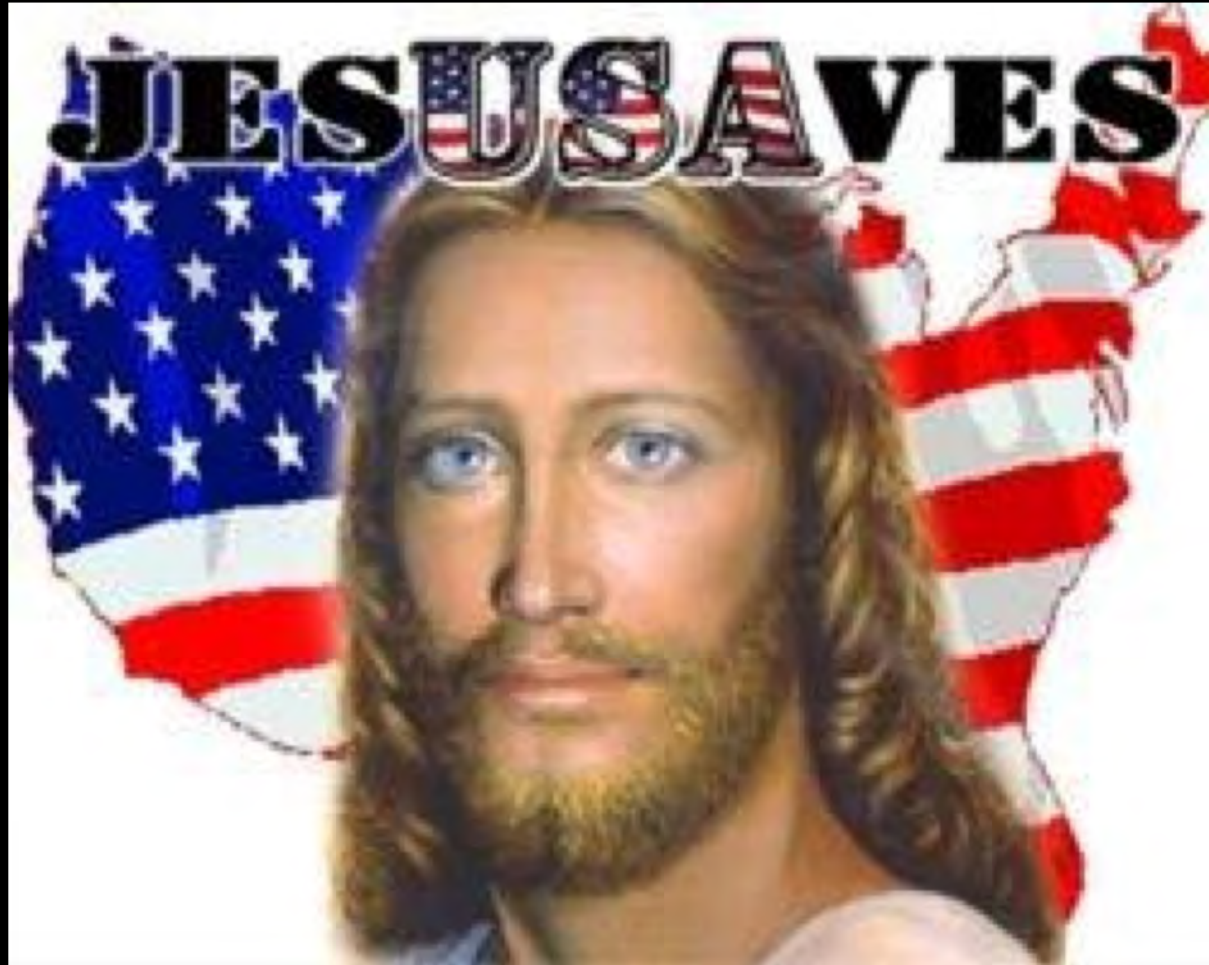
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