

Sunday, February 1

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

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Monday, February 2

Introduction to 1 Corinthians

Author: The Apostle Paul

Recipient: The church at Corinth

Date Written: ~AD 53-55 – during Paul's third missionary journey.

Theme of the Book: Correction and Condemnation

Outline of the Book:

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| I. Divisions in the Church | (1-4) |
| II. Disobedience in the Church | (5-6) |
| III. Difficulties in the Church | (7-16) |

Key Chapters

- 1 Unity; wisdom; foolishness of God
- 2 Spirit-discernment/revelation/inspiration/illumination
- 3 Immaturity; foundation; fleshliness; rewards
- 5 Incest/attitude toward a sinning brother
- 6 Lawsuits/suing; immorality/liberty
- 7 Guidelines for marriage and singleness
- 8-10 Christian liberty
- 11 Order! women/communion
- 12 Basic principles of spiritual gifts
- 13 The priority of love over spiritual gifts
- 14 Procedure and order in spiritual gifts (tongues)
- 15 Resurrection
- 16 Collections/benedictions

Key Passages

- 2:1-3 – "Paul came not with superiority of speech, but with a simple message: Christ and Him crucified"
2:12-16 – "A natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit"
6:9-11 – "The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God"

- ***Verse of the Week:***

James 3:11 "Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? "

1 Corinthians 1

- When Paul mentions people following him, Apollos, or Cephas, over Jesus - How are we tempted to do the same?
 - o What are the negative consequences when we do the same.

- What differences between Christians could drive us apart?

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- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse

Wednesday, February 4

1 Corinthians 2

- List the ways that this chapter shows that worldly wisdom misses God's truth.
- Knowing that you have "the mind of Christ," how does this impact how you think and live? (v16)
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Prayer Category – Missionary of the Month

Faly & Lily Ravoahangy

Through their program, Madagascar 3M ("Preacher, Shepherd, Slave"), Faly trains & equips godly men to serve as church leaders. Lily disciples and counsels women

- Pray for the country of Madagascar and its political situation. The transition government is organizing national consultations & chose the ecumenical council of the four main denominations in Madagascar (Catholic, Reformed Presbyterian, Lutheran & Anglican) to oversee the whole process.

1 Corinthians 3

- Take some time to think about what the "Milk" and "Solid Food" are that Paul is referring to? (v2) Use your study bible to help you come to a conclusion. You can ask your small group leader if you need further help.

- What does it mean that you as a believer are the temple of the Holy Spirit? How does/should this affect your behavior?

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Friday, February 6

1 Corinthians 4

- In what ways do people seek human approval over God's, and how can we overcome that temptation?
- Who is a spiritual mentor in your life? How can you seek to imitate them as they imitate Christ?
- If you don't have a spiritual mentor, who could you approach?
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Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

Saturday, February 7

1 Corinthians 5

- How should the church in Corinth have dealt with the man in sin, before Paul wrote the letter? See Mt. 18:15-17.
- How does this passage give you a heart of thankfulness?

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Monday, February 9

1 Corinthians 6

- What is the theme of the book?
- How does today's chapter fit with the book theme?
- How do we actively participate in the ongoing process of sanctification in our daily lives?
- **Verse of the Week:**
James 3:12- "Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can saltwater produce fresh."
- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

1 Corinthians 7

- What examples and truths does Paul use to teach contentment and faithfulness in one's calling?

- Pick two points of application from this passage & then answer the following:
 - o Which application points did you pick & which verses did you find them in?

 - o Do you struggle to consistently apply any of these?

 - o If "yes"... which one(s) and why do you think it's such a struggle for you?

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 - o Write out the verse

1 Corinthians 8

- Why might some of the believers in the Corinthian church be troubled by meat sacrificed to idols?
- What are some current practices, that are a matter of conscience, that might cause another believer to question what is right or best?
- What can you do to "love" a fellow believer who might struggle with these freedoms?
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- Pray for God to direct their son's path as he decides on a university, and that God would open opportunities for scholarships

Thursday, February 12

1 Corinthians 9

- How does Paul's passion for spreading the gospel encourage you to do the same?
- List some people with whom you can share the gospel. Pray for them and make a point to share when you get the opportunity.
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1 Corinthians 10

- What does Paul mean when he says, "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man?" How can this encourage you as you face difficulties?
- How does remembering Israel's consequences help us to avoid the same mistakes?
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Saturday, February 14

1 Corinthians 11

- What are some of Paul's criticisms of the way the Corinthian church was doing communion?
- How can we ensure our participation in communion is a meaningful act of self-examination and remembrance?

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Monday, February 16

1 Corinthians 12

- How does Paul's body analogy address the Corinthian church's division and pride over "popular" or showy gifts?

- How can you use the talents and gifts that God has given you, for the glory of the Lord?

- ***Verse of the Week:***
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Tuesday, February 17

1 Corinthians 13

- How does Paul's definition of love contrast with the worldly view of love?
- What steps can you take to be more patient, kind, and humble with others this week?
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Wednesday, February 18

1 Corinthians 14

- What are some of the commands that Paul is giving the Corinthian church?
- List Countryside's typical order of service. Why do we use these elements in our worship service?
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- Pray for the students at the 3M Preaching Institute to press on with their studies

Thursday, February 19

1 Corinthians 15

- Why is the resurrection of Christ the "first importance" of the gospel message?
- How does the "seed" analogy help us to understand the resurrected body? (35-44)?
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1 Corinthians 16

- What is the theme of this book? How can you see that theme in the passage that you just read?
- What is something that you learned from 1 Corinthians? How can you apply this to your life?
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Saturday, February 21

Introduction to 2 Corinthians

Author: The Apostle Paul

Recipient: The church at Corinth

Date Written: ~AD 55-56.

Theme of the Book: Defense of Apostleship

Outline of the Book:

- I. Character: Paul's Explanation of His Ministry (1-7)
- II. Collection: Paul's Collection for the Saints (8-9)
- III. Credentials: Paul's Defense of Apostleship (10-13)

Key Chapters

3 - Validation of apostolic ministry through changed lives

5 - Ministry motivations

8-9 - Giving

Key Passages

5:17 – “New creation”

5:21 – “Justification through Christ”

Summary Statement: “In this letter, though the apostle expressed his relief and joy at their repentance (7:8-16), his main concern was to defend his apostleship (ch. 1-7), exhort the Corinthians to resume preparations for the collection for the poor at Jerusalem (ch. 8, 9), and confront the false apostles head-on (chs.10-13).” – *The MacArthur Bible Commentary, Nelson, 2005.*

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Monday, February 23

2 Corinthians 1

- What is the theme of 2 Corinthians?
- Why is Paul writing to the Corinthian church again?
- How can trials build patient endurance and a deeper reliance on God?

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

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2 Corinthians 2

- What is the desired result of church discipline?
- How can your small group become a stronger support system for resisting sin, and spreading the "aroma" of Christ?

- ***Verse of the Week:***

James 3:14 - "But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- o Write out the verse

Wednesday, February 25

2 Corinthians 3

- What does Paul mean when he states that the Corinthians are his letter?
How does this prove his ministry? (v1-2)
- How can you become a "living letter" of Christ in your everyday interactions?
- ***Verse of the Week***
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- Pray for their ministry and personal financial support as they continue to trust the Lord to provide, and so far, they have never lacked

Thursday, February 26

2 Corinthians 4

- How can you fix your eyes on the "unseen" eternal realities rather than on visible, temporary troubles?
- List how Paul describes his suffering. Are you willing to suffer the same for the glory of Christ?
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2 Corinthians 5

- In verse 5, Paul says that God gave us the Spirit as a guarantee. A guarantee of what? How can this truth encourage you?

- Paul says that we should be able to give an answer to those who boast in outward appearances. How can knowing that we are a new creation in Christ help you in this regard?

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2 Corinthians 6

- How do Paul's examples of suffering (tribulation, imprisonment) serve as "credentials" for his ministry?
- How do the contrasting images (righteous vs wicked, light vs dark) help us understand our need to be separate from worldly influences?

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March Reading Schedule

- 1 Catch up on missed reading
- 2 2 Corinthians 7
- 3 2 Corinthians 8
- 4 2 Corinthians 9
- 5 2 Corinthians 10
- 6 2 Corinthians 11
- 7 2 Corinthians 12
- 8 Catch up on missed reading
- 9 2 Corinthians 13
- 10 Introduction to Ephesians
- 11 Ephesians 1
- 12 Ephesians 2
- 13 Ephesians 3
- 14 Ephesians 4:1-5:21
- 15 Catch up on missed reading
- 16 Ephesians 5:22-6:24
- 17 Introduction to Philippians
- 18 Philippians 1
- 19 Philippians 2
- 20 Philippians 3-4
- 21 Introduction to Colossians
- 22 Catch up on missed reading
- 23 Colossians 1:1-2:5
- 24 Colossians 2:6-3:17
- 25 Colossians 3:18-4:18
- 26 Introduction to Philemon
- 27 Philemon 1: 1-7
- 28 Philemon 1: 8-25
- 29 Catch up on missed reading
- 30 Passion Week Reading: Mark 11:15-19
- 31 Passion Week Reading: Mark 11:27-12:12

Church Prayer Page

HEALTH

The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord’s healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

Cynde Barrett	Amy Gomez	Maureen Personius
Sue Boydston	Shelley Hillyard	Tom Prohaska
Don Boyer	Ted Lyon	Judy Reed
Karen Cote	Diana McCann	Anna Rhone
Crystal Dix	Ken McEntire	Pat Routen
Rick Dix	Linda Miars	Mark Shackelford
Dinah Fernandez	Ken McEntire	Darryl Shelton
Elaine Flory	Mitchell Miller	Jordan Schmidt
Vanessa Florez	Stuart & Jean Pendrich	Michael Treat
	Annie Perdido	Denise Tyler

MILITARY

Roxy Alexander – Coast Guard	Luke Lanham – Navy
Brooks Alexander – Air Force	Leighton Moncada – Army
McKenna Baker – Air Force	Cash Moser – Navy
Nico Bourgeois – Army	Jon Morse – Air Force
Caleb Carstens – Marine Corps	Amara Mwesigwa – Air Force
Cameron Caudle – Army	David Peason – Army
Chris Cordes (H. Marquez’s brother) – Army	Christopher Ryan – Marine Corps
Luke Day – Navy	Stephanie Ryan – Navy
Jordan Garcia – Army	Wendy Schrank – Army
Dirk Hayhurst – Army	David Weathers – Space Force
Lizzy Klyman – Coast Guard	Simon Whitingter – Air Force
William Knight – Army	
Don Koomar – Marine Corps	
Michael Koomar – Army	