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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (CSB)
 1 Paul, called as an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Sosthenes our brother:

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (CSB)
 2 To the church of God at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called as saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—both their Lord and ours.

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (CSB)

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus,

⁵ that you were enriched in him in every way, in all speech and all knowledge.

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⁶ In this way, the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you,

⁷ so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (CSB)

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Corinthian Culture:

- Very competitive
- Self-promotion
- Complacent in their self-satisfaction
- Personal freedoms were very important
- Consumer-oriented
- Loved entertainment
- Self-indulgent
- Sexually promiscuous

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1 Corinthians 1:18 (CSB)

For the word of the cross is *foolishness* to those who are perishing, but it is the *power* of God to us who are being saved.

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1 Corinthians 4:7-8 (CSB)

⁷ For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, *why do you boast* as if you hadn't received it?

⁸ You are already full! You are already rich!

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In Corinth, rhetoric was more concerned with “winning an argument” than it was with truth.

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“Their concern was not truth content; they devised seductive, persuasive strategies of presentation.”
~ Anthony C. Thiselton

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We cannot compromise truth for the sake of comfortability.

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Paul, called as an *apostle* of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Sosthenes our brother:

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1 Corinthians 1:2 (CSB)

To the church of God at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, *called as saints, with all those in every place* who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—both their Lord and ours.

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Christians are *called* to be what God has already *made* them to be.

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Joshua 1:1-3 (CSB)

¹ ...the LORD spoke to Joshua...
² "Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites.

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Joshua 1:1-3 (CSB)

³ *I have given you* every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses.

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1 Corinthians 1:2 (CSB)

...called as saints, with *all those in every place* who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—both their Lord and ours.

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1 Corinthians 1:3 (CSB)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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1 Corinthians 1:4-5 (CSB)

⁴ I always *thank my God* for you because of the *grace* of God given to you in Christ Jesus,
⁵ that you were *enriched* in him in every way, in all speech and all knowledge.

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1 Corinthians 1:6-7 (CSB)

⁶ In this way, the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you,
⁷ so that you do not lack any *spiritual gift* as you eagerly wait for the *revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ*.

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1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (CSB)

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be *blameless* in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Our peace is not dependent on our performance.

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“When Christians meet, they talk to each other about their Christian work, their Christian interests, their Christian acquaintances. But they should, of course, be talking about Jesus Christ.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (CSB)

¹⁰ Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be **no divisions** among you, and that you be **united** with the same understanding and the same conviction.

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1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (CSB)

¹¹ For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by members of Chloe's people, that there is rivalry among you.

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1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (CSB)

¹² What I am saying is this: One of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name?

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There is nothing wrong with Christians following a Godly leader, but we do not belong to them. We belong to Christ.

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Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,
⁵ that even though we were **dead** because of our sins, he gave us **life** when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's **grace** that you have been saved!)

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"The basis of our unity is not that we are all alike but that we are all 'in Christ.'"

~ John Stott

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