

“For the Glory of God” | Ben Boyd | 1 Corinthians 10:12-22, 31

“Christian freedom is not about doing what I have the right to do but willingly surrendering my rights for the good of others and of myself for the glory of God.”

The last two weeks have built this idea....

Chapter 8: Christian freedom says, “I can eat this meat,” but sacrificial love asks, “Will this hurt my brother or sister?” Humble yourself, consider others, what best glorifies Christ?

Chapter 9: Paul demonstrates giving up his own rights and freedoms for the sake of the gospel.

Chapter 10 (which we are about to get to): Reminder of Israel’s failures and how their failures should warn present day believers not to abuse freedom.

1 Corinthians 10:12-22, 31 (NLT) ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? ³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:13(NLT) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:14(NLT) Therefore, my dear friends, **flee** from idolatry.

Verse 13 is what God has done to help us... **verse 14** is the safeguards that must be active in our lives. Paul really loves the word **FLEE!**

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it.

Idolatry begins in the heart way before it shows up in actions.

Exodus 34:14 (NLT) Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

God's passionate commitment to an exclusive relationship with His people.

Psalm 86:11 (ESV)- Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Don't let my heart be split between you and something else.

James 1:1(ESV) James, a servant^[a] of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,