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#22 of 33— March 25, 2018**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) What did you find most significant about this message? How did it encourage you and challenge you?

3) Have you ever taken a wrong path? How did you know it was wrong? What was the result of taking this path?

4) Read 1 Cor. 10:1-11. How did the Israelites take the wrong path? What warning does this give us as people who want to follow Jesus?

5) Read 1 Cor. 10:12-13. What do we learn about temptation and trials from this passage? What can we apply today?

6) Read 1 Cor. 10:14-22. What did it look like for the Corinthians to “flee idols”. In our modern context we often struggle with the idols of power, pleasure, and prestige. What does it mean for us to “flee” these idols and “functional saviours”?

7) Read 1 Cor. 10:24. What does it mean to be “concerned for the good of others?” What keeps us from doing this? How can we practically embrace this as an Impact Community?

8) Read 1 Cor. 10:31-32. What would it look like for you to live this out? What changes is God asking you to make today?

9) Reflect on John 14:6. How is this truth the “key” to finding and staying on the right path? Take some time to pray for one another.



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Finding the Best Pathway

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday



How do we remain faithful to Jesus in a culture that doesn't honour Christ?

1Corinthians 10:12-13 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. ¹³The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

To find the best pathway ask these three questions:

1) What is God's best pathway for me?

1Corinthians 10:14-22 So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. ¹⁵You are reasonable people. Decide for yourselves if what I am saying is true. ¹⁶When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. ¹⁸Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they united by eating the sacrifices at the altar? ¹⁹What am I trying to say? Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods? ²⁰No, not at all. I am saying that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to God. And I don't want you to participate with demons. ²¹You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too. ²²What? Do we dare to rouse the Lord's jealousy? Do you think we are stronger than he is?

Psalm 32:8 "I will guide you along the best pathway."

Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

2) What is God's best pathway for others?

1Corinthians 10:23-30 You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is beneficial. ²⁴Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. ²⁵So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. ²⁶For "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." ²⁷If someone who isn't a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸(But suppose someone tells you, "This meat was offered to an idol." Don't eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. ²⁹It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks? ³⁰If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it?

3) What is God's best pathway in light of His glory?

1Corinthians 10:31-32 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God.

Big Idea: Choose God's best pathway.

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Choose God's best pathway. What does this mean for you today?

- **Flee idols and follow Jesus.**
- **Commit to know and apply God's word.**
- **Look for ways to bless and serve others.**
- **Make God's glory your highest priority.**

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).