

Postcards from Corinth Part 6

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

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I. Bringing a new AWARENESS to what is IMPORTANT. (9:1-18)

A. Our LIFE

B. Paul's LIFE

II. For Paul, the GOSPEL is the most IMPORTANT thing.

A. HOW can we tell? (9:15-18, Phil 3:7-9)

B. What is the gospel FOR ME? (Jn 3:16, 1Jn 4:13-18)

C. What's the GOOD NEWS to you? Maybe right it down.

III. How did the the gospel WILDLY transform Paul? (Acts 9:1-30) or 19-22

A. He became ALL things to ALL people. (9:19-23)

B. It gave him a humility that freed him from people's expectations. (Phil 3:7-14)

IV. How does the GOSPEL change me and you?

A. It addresses our INADEQUACY. (8:1-3)

B. It changes what we VALUE.

C. It keeps Jesus forefront in our MINDS and HEARTS. (9:27, Phil 2:3b-8)

D. It gives us HOPE that the gospel can TRANSFORM us. (Ps 1:1-3, 2 Cor 10:5, Phil 4:8-9, Heb 3:1, Luke 4:1-13, Deut 6:4-9)

And God is FAITHFUL

Questions for Reflection:

1. What things do you think the world says are important?
2. What do you think is the difference between values influenced by the world and values influenced by the gospel?
3. How would you explain the gospel?

4. In the different stages of your life what has the Good News been to you?
5. (I know this is a vulnerable question but, if you are willing...) What inadequacy's to you feel? How does that Good News speak to healing those?
6. What practices or habits help you to keep Jesus in the forefront of your mind and heart?