



This week, Corey continued our series on 1st Corinthians by preaching about cruciform freedom.

## READ

1 Corinthians 9:19-27, 10:23-24

## REFLECT

1. Corey began the sermon by contrasting our modern understanding of freedom and what Paul is discussing in his letter to the church at Corinth. Corey summarized, saying that "freedom is not the absence of restraints or exercising of personal rights; it is the ability to release your rights for the sake of love." What does this explanation spark in you? Can you think of any examples from your life that illustrate this sort of freedom?
2. Corey used an athlete in training and an individual getting married as examples of voluntarily giving up one's freedom for a higher purpose or to achieve an objective. Have you experienced this tension?
3. Corey said that "when freedom is an end in itself, when it is your highest good, it is a key without a door; it is a path without a destination." Can you name any examples in our culture of this relentless pursuit of freedom for freedom's sake and how that can lead to destruction?

## PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we emphasize our personal freedom to do selfish things.
- + Ask God to help us better live in the identity He has given to us.
- + Thank God for providing freedom with Christ!
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

## PRACTICE

- + Paul's discussion of freedom does not focus on our ability to do what we want but our ability to let go of our rights for the benefit of others. How can you live that out? What rights can you renounce the way Paul has renounced his freedoms? How might this release translate to the welfare of others?
- + Corey finished the sermon by detailing several examples of this in our context. He told stories of people letting go of their freedom of worship preferences, individualism, cultural differences, and more. What's a tangible step for you to this week in putting Cruciform Freedom into practice?