

Living a Life of Freedom

1 Corinthians 10b-11

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A – Warnings in the Wilderness

10:11-13

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you. And considering the **result/outcome** of their conduct, imitate their faith.

B – The Power of Attitude

10:14-22

The attitude of the heart = the spirit of a deed

Examples: Attitudes toward tithing

- 1) **God as vending machine** - *“I gave money to God. Now I expect a blessing!”*
- 2) **God as ego builder** – *“I gave a LOT of money to God. I expect His gratitude.”*
- 3) **Protection money** – *“I know God has called me to serve Him, but maybe He won’t be angry if I just give him this money instead.”*
- 4) **Giving out of spite** – *“I know my wife wants a new couch, but she needs to learn that our money belongs to God!”*
- 5) **Giving in gratitude** – *“Thank you, Father, for your generous provision. Please accept this gift as a small token of my love and gratitude.”*

John 6:63

“It is the spirit that gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.”

C – Imitating Messiah

10:23 – 11:1

1 Corinthians 10:24

Let no one seek his own good,
but the good of his neighbor.

BOTTOMLINE:

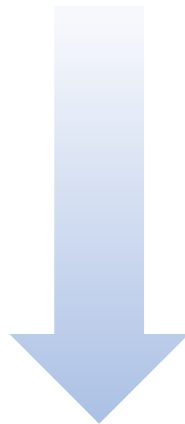
You are not here for your own sake. Your life will have meaning and purpose only to the degree you lay it down for others.

(D – Respect for Tradition)

11:2-16

1 Corinthians 11:2

Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the **traditions** even as I delivered them to you.



1 Corinthians 11:16

If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such **practice**, nor do the assemblies of God.

E – Proclaiming Messiah's Death

11:17-34



#1 – The Cup of **Sanctification**



#2 – The Cup of **Deliverance**



The Meal



#3 – The Cup of **Redemption**



#4 – The Cup of **Praise**



Erev Shabbat Blessing

... and with love and favor gave us His holy Shabbat as a heritage, a memorial of the creation, a day which is the beginning of our sacred gatherings, **a memorial of our exodus from Egypt**. For us did You chose and us did You sanctify from every tribe and nation...

The revolution that began *on* the cross
only works *through* the cross.

☞ N.T. Wright

Matthew 16:24

Then Yeshua told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

The cross is laid on every Christian. ...
Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.

☞ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living **sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our **likeness**...

“Death” ← מות (ד) → “Door”

1:27 So God created man in His own **image**, in the **image** of God He created him. Male and female He created them.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Messiah. It is no longer I who live, but Messiah who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the difference between a test and a temptation? And if there is a difference, why does Greek use one word for both?
- Identify a family tradition that has strengthened you.
- How can large gatherings be good? How can they be harmful? What is God's norm?
- Why is it so important that we "proclaim the Lord's death"?
- What dark things do you carry in your soul that will not be allowed into God's Kingdom?

NOTES:

Mark 12:43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

2Thessalonians 2:15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the **traditions** that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

John 18:39 But you have a **custom** that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Master Yeshua the Messiah, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

John 10:18 No one takes [My life] from me, but I lay it down of My own accord...

Ephesians 5:27 ...so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Revelation 19:7-8 Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready. It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the holy ones.