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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.. - 1 Corinthians 9:24-25



THIS WEEK'S READING: 1 Cor 7-12

Keep digging into 1 Corinthians. If you would like to discuss the text, feel free to join our Thursday night ZOOM Call where our staff will lead conversation about these passages of Scripture.



SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

Pastor Greg looked at the opening section of 1 Corinthians. Paul seems to turn the ideas of foolishness and wisdom on their heads. How does this relate to us in our day?

Want to chat about 1 & 2 Corinthians? Join us on Thursdays from 7-8 pm. Go to [Zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com). Join Meeting. ID: 853 9682 3235 Passcode: 20190

5 WEEK PRAYER CHALLENGE: PRAYER JOURNALING CHALLENGE - ERIC SONSTHAGEN

The practice of Prayer Journaling can be an effective way to communicate with God for many disciples. It allows for us to speak and pray to God in a unique and thoughtful fashion. There is no set way to engage in Prayer Journaling; the key is to explore different methods and determine which are helpful in your walk with Christ.

This is an open form of prayer in which we seek to have God fill us with creativity to help us express ourselves. Examples of Prayer Journaling include writing out our personal prayers, creating poetry, penning your goals or dreams, spelling out one's sorrows or joys, transcribing select scripture or hymns, or simply conversing with God through pen and paper.

For this challenge we invite you to commit to journaling on a daily basis. A consistent prayer practice can be instrumental in connecting with God. However, it is up to the individual to determine a frequency that works for their needs. Remember Prayer Journaling should not be viewed as burdensome, but as a time to pray, reflect and encounter the presence of God.

It can be helpful to date your journaling entries so that you can contemplate how God has responded to your prayers over time. It can also be helpful to leave space to record how God has answered your prayers and provides a great testimony of how awesome our God is.

Our hope is that each of us can experience growth in our lives and prayer practice through Prayer Journaling. It provides an opportunity to see ourselves through God's point of view and gain the wisdom that comes with it.



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Greg Applequist:

SERMON TEXT - 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

As you read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 reflect on these questions:

We love the idea of freedom. How would you define freedom when it comes to our country's understanding of freedom?

How is Paul's understanding of freedom similar or different from how we see it?

What does Paul call us to in these verses?

BUILDING UPDATE



The new water supply for the sprinkler system was tied into the water main in 90th street last week and steel will be nearly completed. This week, they plan to pour the 2nd floor deck and begin the masonry work for the elevator shaft.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

Read chapter 22 in All of Us. Have someone read the God's Story prompt on page 122. Choose one of the following ways to tell the Bible story:

- "Read Together" version (pages 122–123): Read the italicized and plain text. Have volunteers read the bold text for Jesus, the legal experts, and the crowd. Before you read, build a house of interlocking blocks (like LEGO® bricks) together. As the story is read, remove a piece of the roof each time you hear of an action that brings healing or brings a person closer to Jesus. Share a picture of your LEGO creation on our Facebook group!
- Illustrated version (pages 124–125): Take turns reading the sentences under each illustration, or read the entire story yourself. Have children look for people in the illustrations who are happy, angry, or listening carefully.

Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family. Refer to the illustrations in All of Us to help children recall what happens in the story.

- (Page 124, upper left illustration) I wonder what it was like inside the house where Jesus was teaching.
- Imagine carrying your friend up onto a roof, taking the roof apart, and lowering your friend down onto the floor below.
- (Page 125, bottom illustration) I wonder when you have celebrated like the healed man.
- Invite one person to read the My Story prompt on page 123 in All of Us. Allow time for everyone to respond.