

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 5, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Robby Baxter, Assimilation Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 85**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Steadfast**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 4:14-16**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Comfort - A Prayer for the Brokenhearted**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

***Song of Response - Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: SELF-CONTROL”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-27

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Key Truth: We love God by cultivating our hearts and minds for worship and discipleship through the means of grace and love our neighbors by training our desires and thoughts to esteem them as greater than ourselves.

Introduction:

Q: *When are you most likely to say, “I couldn’t help myself”?*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23: Training Our Desires to Love Our Neighbors:

Q: *What are you unwilling to set aside in an effort to reach someone with the Gospel? Are you willing to train your desires to value your neighbor as greater than yourself?*

“Jesus died for sinners, cannot we live for them?”
Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27: Cultivating Our Worship and Discipleship to Grow in Love for God:

Q: *Where are you devoting your best effort and energy? Are you running aimlessly or as someone who believes that God will grow you through the means of grace over time?*

“We need self-control; it’s the ingredient that makes all the other pieces of the fruit of the Spirit especially sweet to our tongue. . . . [But] you aren’t going to *accidentally* exercise self-control. You have to prepare for it. You have to plead for it. The only way forward is to identify where you need help, ask for the Spirit’s guidance, and then fight tooth and nail to ‘walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called’ (Eph. 4:1).”
Aaron Menikoff, *Character Matters: Shepherding in the Fruit of the Spirit*

Application:

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 teaches us that we love God and our neighbors:

- by cultivating our hearts and minds for worship and discipleship through the means of grace and by training our desires and thoughts to esteem our neighbors as greater than ourselves.

Benediction: Galatians 6:14-18