

All things to All People (5/12/24)

Main Verses: 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22b

'Takeaway': God calls us to have a heart that is willing to give up our own everyday comforts to bring others eternal comfort thru the Gospel of Jesus.

Getting Started: What is something that would be hard for you to give up?



READ 1 Corinthians 9:22 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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- Paul is able to give up these things (e.g., his comfort, rights) because he has surrendered his heart & life to God’s leadership.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for committed Christians who, like Paul, share the Good News & forever comforts of the gospel with others. Ask God to change your heart that you might be willing to give up things for the sake of sharing his great love & comfort with those you encounter.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for committed Christians who, like Paul, share the Good News & forever comforts of the gospel with others. Think of your own life & ask God to show you ways that you can share His Good News with others, even if it means making sacrifices.