

I Do All Things for the Sake of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Here at Grace we want to win more people to faith in Jesus! This summer we're asking you to join us in reaching those you know who are far from God by praying for them, inviting them to our summer outreach series, and boldly sharing your own faith story. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 shows us how we can win more people to faith in Jesus and is our Summer 2015 Challenge . . .

3. We must be Gospel SACRIFICING to win more people to Jesus.

- Serving others to save others is the endgame, not cultural COOLNESS or ACCEPTANCE.
- Being Gospel FAITHFUL will involve PERSONAL sacrifice.
- Being Gospel FLEXIBLE will involve PERSONAL sacrifice.

4. As we live Gospel-CENTERED, we become PARTAKERS of it.

- Living Gospel-Centered, we do not EARN our salvation.
- Living Gospel-Centered, we live as JESUS lived for us.
- Living Gospel-Centered, we INCARNATE and PARTICIPATE in the Gospel in the world today.

This Week's Household/Family Worship Challenge

Grab one opportunity as a household/family (roommates, spouse, kids, grandkids) to talk about why Gospel FAITHFULNESS is not contrary to but by its very nature requires Gospel FLEXIBILITY and SACRIFICE. In other words, explain why if we're not flexible and sacrificing with the Gospel, we're not being faithful with the Gospel.

1. We must be Gospel FAITHFUL to win more people to Jesus.

- Let us never be ASHAMED of the Gospel for it is the POWER of God for salvation. (Rom. 1:15-17)

- COMPROMISING the Gospel will save no one.

2. We must be Gospel FLEXIBLE to win more people to Jesus.

- Contextualization = presenting the GOSPEL to people in ways they can UNDERSTAND it
- Contextualization means IDENTIFYING with people in their STORIES.
- Contextualization means ENGAGING people where they are in their stories with God's GOSPEL story.