

THE LIVING ROOM
COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

**FULL OUT: RUN WITH PURPOSE AND PASSION
(PART 2 FREEDOM)**

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1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

"You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is good for you. You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is beneficial. ²⁴ Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. ²⁵ So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. ²⁶ For 'the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.' ²⁷ If someone who isn't a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸ (But suppose someone tells you, 'This meat was offered to an idol.' Don't eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. ²⁹ It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks? ³⁰ If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it? ³¹ So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. ³³ I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. ¹ And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."

"So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. . . . Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires."

-Colossians 2:16-17, 22-23

1. _____ are no help in making an inside-out transformation possible.

It's a Jesus + nothing kind of plan.

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"For you are free, but don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil."

-1 Peter 2:16

"A Christian man (or woman) is the most free lord of all."

"A Christian man is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

-Martin Luther

2. Don't abuse God's grace, and never _____ your freedom in the face of other people.

"Why are you forcing the Gentiles to accept Jewish customs?"

-Galatians 2:14b

3. Don't allow your _____ to blind you to the needs and feelings of other people.

"I try my best to be considerate of everyone's feelings in all these matters; I hope you will be, too." -1 Corinthians 10:33

"Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them." -Romans 14:3

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." -Romans 14:17

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." -Galatians 5:13

4. Use your freedom to _____ one another in love.

"By this will people know that you are my followers, that you love one another." -John 13:35