

1 Corinthians 9:1-27  
Series – United in Grace  
Message – Running to Win  
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### Foregoing Our Rights

- Followers of Jesus ought to \_\_\_\_\_ the advancement of the Gospel in the lives of others over our personal rights.
- Living with a Gospel-advancement-awareness sensor

### Freedom for Mission

- 1 Corinthians 9:19
- “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel...” (1 Cor. 9:22-23).
- Cultural \_\_\_\_\_ is created by cultural differences like language, race, history, religion, worldview, and economics.

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- Two ways of thinking about the church:

- Church = gathering \_\_\_\_\_ (a place we come to if we want to)
- Church = worshipping and \_\_\_\_\_ community

### Run to Win

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-26
- Taking on the mantle of a missionary

### **How will you respond to God’s word today?**

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1. Share a situation from your life where you felt your rights were violated, and you had to decide how hard to push to pursue your rights. How did your faith in Jesus inform your thinking?
2. Review the cultural distance scale. What assumptions do you see in North American culture that make it difficult for people to hear the Gospel of Jesus? Where would you place those assumptions on the distance scale? What strategies for communicating the Gospel might help bridge those gaps?
3. Church as gathering place v. Church as worshipping and sending community. How might a church family emphasize and reinforce its identity as a worshipping and sending community?
4. To what degree do you think of yourself as a missionary? How might you take the next step forward in functioning more like Paul is his becoming-all-things-to-all-people perspective?
5. How might God be getting your attention?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?