

**To the Glory of...Who?**  
**1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1**  
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1. Sometimes, for our love to grow, our rights or freedoms need to be limited.
2. Paul calls the Corinthian church “people of the flesh.” Their old culture followed them into the church, and it shows. Instead of abandoning them, Paul confronts their issues and clarifies how they should follow Jesus.
3. To answer some of the Corinthian’s questions, Paul explains that all things are “lawful,” but not everything is profitable or helpful to others.
4. As Christians, the measuring rod of what we do is isn't, “Can I do it?” but “Is it helpful?”
5. We are to regard others as more important and to look out for their interests. That doesn't mean we can't enjoy our rights or freedoms; it simply means those aren't the main priority.
6. As Christians, we should have integrity in both fact and appearance.
7. In verse 31, the context shows that the Corinthians are being instructed to give up some of their freedom, to give up eating and drinking to glorify God.
8. The Glory of God is always for our good. The glory of “me” will eventually be for someone else's bad.
9. Paul says we are to imitate him as he imitates Christ. We can't imitate what we haven't focused on. We need to focus on the richness of Jesus.
10. Love changes our hearts. When we see God's love for us and catch glimpses of His Glory, we will want to imitate it. As we abide, the Spirit will continue to renew us inside.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Doxa**- glory, splendor, honor

## QUOTES

“Ultimately, this is what shocks most people. His [God’s] purposes are about His Glory.”  
- Senior Pastor, Mark Kring

## TODAY’S WORSHIP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Kyle shared about wanting to eat cinnamon rolls but being asked not to for the sake of a smoother morning routine with his kids. What "cinnamon roll moments" have you experienced—times when you had the right to do something, but it wasn't the most loving choice? How did you respond?
- Paul says, "all things are lawful, but not all things are profitable" (v. 23). What's the difference between something being "lawful" (or amoral) versus being "profitable" or "edifying"? Why is it significant that Paul shifts the question from "Can I do this?" to "Is this helpful?"
- The sermon emphasizes that "sometimes for our LOVE to go forth, our rights or our freedom have to be dialed down." Why is this concept so difficult for us? What specific rights or freedoms do you find hardest to set aside for the sake of others?
- Kyle admitted he knew what he should do with the cinnamon rolls, but didn't want to do it. He had a "grumbling attitude" even when he made the right choice. How do we address the gap between knowing what glorifies God and actually desiring to do it?
- Kyle asked several pointed questions: Would you live your retirement, work your job, raise your family, use your phone, use your words, or hold your political stances in ways that help others understand the splendor of who God is? Choose one of these areas and discuss: What would it look like practically for you to dial down your rights in this area for the sake of love and God's glory?