Meditating on the Word

Reading and Reflections
in 1 Corinthians

November 2026

Before You Begin:

November is here! I find that hard to believe, and then I realize that the year of 2026 is coming quickly to a close which is hard to believe. Have you seen God work in your life throughout the year? I have seen God's obvious working in the lives of those who are MBC. Additionally, I am confident that He is at work each time we open His word to read and to study, whether during the worship service, during Bible study groups, and in your personal devotion. Keep meditating on the Word and listen as God speaks.

This month in our devotions, we continue to look at passages from 1 Corinthians. At the beginning of each week, we will examine passages that were the focus or context of the message preached the prior Sunday. Continue to explore 1 Corinthians! This is a letter that provokes us to think deeply about who we are as followers of Christ and how we should live.

For the remaining days of the month, we will be spending time reminding ourselves of the joy of being grateful. Thanksgiving is such a wonderful season because it helps us realize that we should always be thankful. We are going to be reading Scriptures that provoke us to give thanks, and then we will have an opportunity to give thanks!

Know that you are prayed for and loved greatly!

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November 1st

Sermon Notes

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Passage: **Preacher:**

November 2nd

Confronting Sin

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated[a] among the Gentiles—a man is sleeping with his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Shouldn't you be filled with grief and remove from your congregation the one who did this?

Reflect

Paul warns against downplaying sin in the lives of others. They were "tolerant." What is the danger of tolerating sin? How do you see this toleration taking place in our world today? How do you prevent being judgmental?

Prayer

Seek God's help to identify personal sin, confess it, and live for Christ. Ask God to help you remain loving and compassionate without compromising your beliefs.

November 3rd

Confronting Sin

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little leaven[b] leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore, let us observe the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Reflect

What does the image of "a little leaven" indicate? How dangerous is it to minimize sin in one's life? Are there sins that need to be confessed in your life?

Prayer

Ask God to examine your life and to point out those things that are displeasing to Him/those sins. Confess them and seek God's restoration.

November 4th

Confronting Sin

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

9 I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral
people. 10 I did not mean the immoral people of this world or the
greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave
the world. 11 But actually, I wrote[d] you not to associate with anyone
who claims to be a brother or sister and is sexually immoral or greedy,
an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even
eat with such a person. 12 For what business is it of mine to judge
outsiders? Don't you judge those who are inside? 13 God judges
outsiders. Remove the evil person from among you.

Reflect

Paul reminds the church that we live in a sinful world. He expresses great concern when sin comes into the church. How do we avoid allowing sin to be in the church? What personal decisions do we need to make? What is our responsibility towards others?

Prayer

Pray that God would make the church a place that seeks after holiness and refuses to compromise when it comes to sin. Pray that individual members would walk well with Christ.

November 5th

Confronting Sin

1 Corinthians 6:11

11 And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Reflect

“And such were some of you.” What difference does it make when you realize that you too are a sinner who has been saved by grace? What is the work that God is doing in your life according to the verse?

Prayer

Thank God for your salvation and forgiveness. Seek God’s continued work in your life as He makes you more holy.

November 6th

Confronting Sin

Hebrews 3:12-13

12 Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception.

Reflect

Sin has a way of turning one's heart further away from God. What are the "little" sins that can creep into life that eventually cause major impact? Are any of these sins found within your life?

Prayer

Seek after God's revealing of any sin in your life. Ask Him to be a refining fire to provide forgiveness and restoration.

November 7th

Pray and reflect on what the Lord has taught you this week.

November 8th

Sermon Notes

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Passage: **Preacher:**

November 9th

Bought with a Price

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

Reflect

What does it mean to say that "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" Consider the meaning of "you are not your own" and "you were bought at a price."

Prayer

Rejoice that God paid the price that you might be saved. Ask Him to give you wisdom as you live a life of holiness for Him daily.

November 10th

Bought with a Price

1 Corinthians 6:15-18

15 Don't you know that your bodies are a part of Christ's body? So should I take a part of Christ's body and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not! 16 Don't you know that anyone joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For Scripture says, The two will become one flesh. 17 But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. 18 Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body.

Reflect

God did not raise you up to live a sinful life. What does it mean to "flee" from sin? What sin is God bringing to your mind that you should flee?

Prayer

Seek God's wisdom to be able to identify sin quickly and to turn from it. Ask God for strength!

November 11th

Give Thanks

Psalm 107:1

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever.

Reflect

Gratitude begins with recognizing the goodness of God, not the goodness of our circumstances. How have you experienced the goodness of God?

Prayer

Rejoice that God is a good God and that His goodness towards you is great.

November 12th

Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Reflect

Giving thanks always does not mean that everything is easy; it means that you recognize that God is still at work and present within yourself despire what is taking place. When was a time when you were challenged to give thanks? How did you see God at work?

Prayer

Ask for God to remind of His continued work in your life, even in the difficult times. Then express to God your thankfulness that He is always present and always at work.

November 13th

Give Thanks

Psalm 103:2

2 My soul, bless the Lord, and do not forget all his benefits.

Reflect

People tend to remember the tragedies and difficulties, yet overlook the blessings. Note the blessings of God within your life.

Prayer

Thank God for the many blessings – name them one by one – and rejoice in His goodness.

November 14th

Pray and reflect on what the Lord has taught you this week.

November 15th

Sermon Notes

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November 16th

Christ and Your Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:14

14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy by the husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy.

Reflect

God has established the importance of the marriage commitment and describes marriage as a pledging to one another. Why is this important? What is the danger of minimizing this commitment?

Prayer

Pray for God to strengthen marriages. Pray as well that God continues to bless and use all people.

November 17th

Give Thanks

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Reflect

God's faithfulness does not depend upon your ability to understand it or your ability to be faithful. He is always faithful! How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?

Prayer

Rejoice over the faithfulness of God. In your prayer, tell God specifically how you have seen His faithfulness.

November 18th

Give Thanks

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — 9 not from works, so that no one can boast.

Reflect

The greatest blessing one can receive is salvation – and the price has been paid by God! Consider your life – describe your salvation and walk with Christ. If you do not know Christ personally, consider what life with Christ would be like.

Prayer

Confess to God that salvation is the greatest gift you have ever received. Pray for those who do not know Christ that they would discover the gift of salvation.

November 19th

Give Thanks

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Reflect

Paul tells you to make your requests to God and to do so with thanksgiving. Why do you think he tells you to be thankful as you pray? How does thanksgiving change the way you pray and the way you respond to God's answers.

Prayer

Rejoice that God hears our prayers, that He is already at work in the situations, and that He has compassion for us.

November 20th

Give Thanks

Philippians 1:3

3 I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you,

Reflect

Paul understood that people in your lives are gifts from God. Who are those special people in your life that God is using to encourage and strengthen you? How can you express thanks to them?

Prayer

Give thanks for those people in your life whom God uses to encourage and strengthen you. Pray that you would be that type of person in others' lives.

November 21st

Pray and reflect on what the Lord has taught you this week.

November 22nd

Sermon Notes

Title:

Passage: **Preacher:**

November 23rd

Give Thanks

Psalm 100:4-5

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.

Reflect

The Psalmist reminds you that thanksgiving is a part of worship. Spend time just giving thanks! Let God bring to your mind the many blessings you have received. Note some of those below.

Prayer

Give thanks as you worship Him!

November 24th

Give Thanks

Isaiah 40:31

31 But those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.

Reflect

Life can be challenging. A reason to rejoice is that God never leaves you, but instead He strengthens and renews you. Are you in need of renewal? When did you experience His strengthening in your life?

Prayer

Give thanks that God strengthens us and renews our strength.

November 25th

Give Thanks

Colossians 3:17

17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflect

Often Thanksgiving becomes a one-time a-year celebration. Paul reminds you that thanksgiving should be consistent in your life. What has God done this day for which you should give thanks? How can you express thanksgiving through the way you live?

Prayer

Ask God to help make gratitude a daily habit that impacts life.

November 26th

Give Thanks

Psalm 136:1

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. 'His faithful love endures forever'.

Reflect

Time is often spent thanking God for all He has done – stop today and give thanks for who He is. Write our those qualities of God for which you are thankful.

Prayer

Thank God that He is God! Thank Him as well for His many workings and blessings in your life.

November 27th

Give Thanks

Habakkuk 3:17-18

17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, 18 yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!

Reflect

Life is not always easy. Habakkuk reminds you to rejoice and be thankful regardless. How can you be thankful? What does it mean to "celebrate in the Lord"?

Prayer

Tell God honestly about any difficulty you are facing. Ask Him to give you grace to see Him and to see His working as you walk through those times.

November 28th

Pray and reflect on what the Lord has taught you this week.

November 29th

Sermon Notes

Title:

Passage: **Preacher:**

November 30th

Serve where you are

1 Corinthians 7:22-24

22 For he who is called by the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called as a free man is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of people. 24 Brothers and sisters, each person is to remain with God in the situation in which he was called.

Reflect

Paul indicates that those saved are "bondservants of God." What does it mean to serve God? What is the danger of being a servant of men?

Prayer

Rejoice in God's salvation given to you and in His work in your life. Commit yourself to walk faithfully with Him as His servant.

Prayer Requests



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