

**Practicing Good Faith**  
Hope Chapel Honolulu  
1 Corinthians 10:13 - 11:1

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. <sup>1</sup> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1Corinthians 10:31-11:1, ESV)

**Introduction**

One of the books I have recommended to you this year is Good Faith by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. His main point is that we—the Church—are called to be countercultural for the common good. An adapted list of what Kinnaman and Lyons think would make us be countercultural as we be, go and make disciples, includes: *to love others well, remain committed to orthodox beliefs, make space for those who disagree, stand out from the crowd, ask the right questions, offer a vision of human intimacy beyond sex, practice hospitality, do the good and hard work of racial reconciliation, value human life in its every form and stage, love our gay friends and trust God’s design for sex, live according to God’s moral order, build households of faith which are theologically grounded and culturally responsive, practice the sacred art of seeing people for who they are and who they are called to be in Christ, and to go and make not just individual disciples but faith communities which represent Christ well* (Good Faith, Baker 2016, p.261).

**1. A faithful God and His less than faithful people. (1Corinthians 10:13-22)**

- a) How do we respond to temptation and failure AFTER coming to faith in Christ?
- b) A deeper and broader meaning to the communion table than we might normally believe.

**2. What does it mean to do all to the glory of God? (1Corinthians 10:23-30)**

- a) A lesson in practicing God’s truth in a different context.
- b) Faith, conscience and freedom, or speaking and living out the truth in love.

**3. Practicing good faith both personally and corporately. (1Corinthians 10:31-11:1)**

- a) What is this thing we call “the glory of God” and what does it have to do with us?
- b) We are called to an audacious resemblance and representation of Christ.

**Conclusion**

Rather than teaching how to do church, the apostles taught the First Century believers how to be The Church. While we will never achieve perfect faith, knowledge or obedience on this side of eternity, still God desires us to become both light and salt for the world He so loves. Whether in the big or small things of life, we all have equal opportunity and God-capacity to reveal the glory of God in our lives. Yet in all of this, God is always more concerned with our motivation and relationship with earthly reputation or reward, because “Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has entered into the heart of man, the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love Him” (1Corinthians 2:9).

**For our prayerful discovery, discussion and application:**

- 1) What is the difference between temptation and sin and why does this matter?
- 2) How, when, where and with whom is the glory of God seen in your life?
- 3) How do people in your circle of influence need you to practice this thing called “good faith”?

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