



BROTHERS IN ARMS
PRESENTING A UNITED FRONT
1 CORINTHIANS 8

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1. Beware _____
(vv. 1-7)

1 Corinthians 8 (ESV)

1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. 12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

2. Always _____
(vv. 7-12)

3. Be _____
(vv. 13)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3.** How can you make sure your growth in knowledge as a Christian also leads to a growth in love for God? Think through your personal habits of Bible reading or listening to sermons. What will you do to ensure that these practices affect BOTH your head AND your heart?

2. How can you guard against growth in knowledge leading to arrogance toward less knowledgeable believers (1 Cor. 8:1) or toward unbelievers (Titus 3:1-7)?

3. **Read Romans 14:23.** What are some ways you need to be careful and sensitive toward your own conscience? Remember that these ways will likely extend beyond the “black and white” areas that Scripture addresses to specific situations and convictions in your own life.

4. **Read Romans 14:13.** How can you be considerate to those whose conscience may be more sensitive on certain issues than yours? How can you avoid being judgmental of those whose consciences lead to convictions that are different than yours?

5. **Read 1 Corinthians 8:13.** As you consider your own relationships with other believers, what are some ways you may have to sacrifice your rights to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Fabarez, Mike. “The Black and White on Gray Areas.” Sermon series. <https://focalpointministries.org/product/the-black-and-white-on-gray-areas/>

Mohler, Albert. *The Gathering Storm*. Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. InterVarsity Press, 1993.

Strauch, Alexander. *Leading with Love*. Lewis & Roth Publishers, 2006.

Prayer Requests

Pray that Compass Bible Church would always stand strong against the pressures of a sinful world.

Pray that Compass Bible Church would always stand together in unity.

Pray that the men’s retreat would bear much fruit of biblical brotherhood.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Continue to pray for a fruitful summer of ministry at CBCTV.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
6/7	1 Kings 1	Psalms 69:29-36	Mark 13:32-37	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
6/8	1 Kings 2	Psalms 70	Mark 14:1-11	1 Corinthians 16
6/9	1 Kings 3-4	Psalms 71:1-6	Mark 14:12-31	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
6/10	1 Kings 5-6	Psalms 71:7-16	Mark 14:32-52	2 Corinthians 1:12-24
6/11	1 Kings 7	Psalms 71:17-24	Mark 14:53-65	2 Corinthians 2
6/12	1 Kings 8-9	Psalms 72:1-11	Mark 14:66-72	2 Corinthians 3