FINDING BALANCE IN FAITH AND LIFE

1 Corinthians 7.28-35

LIVING IN CONTEXT

Paul acknowledges a reality, that in this life there are things that need our attention. Specifically with marriage and family life, he says that those folks have divided hearts. However, to both married and singles, he says we are to live as if none of the things in our life are ultimate.

Do not suppose that abuses are eliminated by destroying the object which is abused. Men can go wrong with wine and women. Shall we prohibit and abolish women? The sun, moon, and stars have been worshipped. Shall we pluck them out of the sky?

-Martin Luther

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

From the beginning, it was God's design to live our lives to make known His goodness and point others not just to the life that can be had through God alone, but point them to God Himself.

Being Fruitful, Multiplying, Filling the Earth, and Making Disciples

- Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Genesis 1.22, 28, 9.1, 48.3, 4
- Be a blessing to all families of the earth. Genesis 12.3, 28.14
- Go therefore, and make disciples, Matthew 28.18-20

Singles: you have unique freedoms (and challenges).

Marrieds: you have unique restrictions (and opportunities).

Both: to live as we've been called, seeking to align our family, social, financial, and hobby life around and with the Gospel.

FINDING THE BALANCE

- For some who are single, you are frustrated because you might be anxious to have a spouse or family.
- For some who are married, you may be frustrated because you wish you had more time for ministry.

But both need to be careful and not miss exactly what God has and wants for you now. Paul had just written in **6.20**, that we have been bought for a price, so therefore we are to glorify God with our body. This goes for our marriages, singleness, hobbies, time, money, everything. "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do," Paul says in **10.31**, "do all to the glory of God."

The chief end of ______ is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the Connection Booth outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our 6th - 8th graders begin each Sunday by worshiping with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read 1 Corinthians 7.28-35. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _

What aspects of life do you have a hard time contextualizing or "fitting God into?" What frustrations do you face pertaining to this?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What truths of the Gospel help you, firstly, run from you're your natural imbalance, and secondly, find comfort in your current context?

Repent and Confess

Where do you find yourself on this spectrum of balance? Do you wish you had more time for ministry? Do you realize you are treating job, family, or hobbies as "ultimate"?

Ask for Provision

Life often needs a rest stop so you can pull over, check your GPS, and make sure you are headed in the right direction. Do you need a better plan, approach, or discipline? It may be needed to take time as a family or with friends to re-evaluate schedule, priorities, and commitments. Sometimes it takes getting rid of good things to do great things. What areas of life do you think you need to ask God for more wisdom in?

Your Life Mission

Married or single, you've been called to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth by being a blessing to all families and going and making disciples. What relationships and opportunities are upcoming that you could use prayer and wisdom for? Do you need a new approach to some of these relationships? Have your friends pray for those opportunities and for that wisdom for you.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.





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