MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



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MONDAY, MARCH 28

Read 1 Corinthians 6—Settle Your Differences

- 1. How do lawsuits among Christians harm our Gospel witness? What should we do instead?
- 2. Why is sexual immorality sinning against our own bodies?
- 3. Sexual sins seem to be a focus of Paul's concerns and seem to have been prevalent and very harmful in Paul's time. Have times changed?
- Prayer: Lord, help the leaders in our congregation be wise in their dealings.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Read 1 Corinthians 7—Principles of Marriage

- 1. Are both marriage and celibacy blessed? What is the benefit of marriage for a disciple? What is its cost for a disciple?
- 2. What does Paul say are the responsibilities of marriage?
- 3. What comfort does Paul give to those spouses who yet have unbelieving partners?
- Prayer: Lord, help us remember the responsibilities of marriage so that our bonds are faithfully preserved.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Read 1 Corinthians 8—Do Not Make Your Brother Stumble

- 1. Who could really be harmed if Corinthians ate the food of idols?
- 2. Why must we be careful that our actions may lead others to sin and away from the Gospel (see 1 Timothy 2:3-4)?
- 3. Should we adopt the behaviors and the new things and practices of the evolving culture without thought?
- Prayer: Lord, keep us from unwittingly leading our neighbors into sin.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Read 1 Corinthians 9—Service

- 1. Did Paul have to make sacrifices and suffer some abuse to proclaim the Gospel? Does Pastor? Do we?
- 2. How can we rely on Jesus and his death and resurrection to serve others (see Phil 2:5-11)?
- 3. Can we serve others and witness the Gospel if we are not part of our local community? How can we be a servant to some in our community by being like them and going to them?
- Prayer: Lord, strengthen us to serve others so that they come to believe.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Read 1 Corinthians 10—Other Gods

- 1. Has the devil invented new temptations since Paul's time or are they just variations on old common themes?
- 2. Why does the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod not share its altar, pulpit, and worship services with other denominations and religions?
- 3. Skim through all of 1 Corinthians and see that Paul gives much Spirit inspired practical advice to the church. Is there newer more progressive advice available today?
- Prayer: Lord, lead me not astray, to follow and put my faith in other gods.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Read 1 Corinthians 11—The Lord's Supper Used Rightly

- 1. What was so scandalous about a woman uncovering her head? Which elements of our culture might Christians be wise to avoid?
- 2. What does it mean to "discern the body" in Holy Communion?
- 3. How does v30 reveal the loving concern behind "closed Communion"?
- Prayer: Lord, unite us in love with those who You have redeemed and join us at Your Table.

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